

YEAR-ROUND PEST DEFENSE PLAYBOOK

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PEST SERVICES

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WINTER

Common Pests Include:

Mice, rats and other rodents, spiders, cluster flies, and squirrels

Your To-Dos:

- ☐ Inspect and seal cracks around windows, doors, and baseboards
- ☐ Store holiday decorations in plastic bins (not cardboard)
- ☐ Check attic and basement for rodent activity or droppings
- ☐ Keep pantry food in airtight containers
- ☐ Clean behind appliances and under sinks to eliminate crumbs and moisture
- ☐ Schedule a winter pest inspection to monitor indoor activity

SUMMER

Common Pests Include:

Mosquitoes and ticks; stinging insects like wasps, hornets, yellow jackets, fleas, cockroaches; and wildlife such as bats, woodchucks, and squirrels

Your To-Dos:

- ☐ Mow grass and trim vegetation away from siding and foundation
- ☐ Remove standing water (birdbaths, kiddie pools, flowerpots)
- ☐ Rinse and tightly close outdoor trash and recycling bins
- ☐ Check window screens for holes or tears
- ☐ Keep pet food sealed and avoid leaving it out overnight
- ☐ Wipe kitchen counters and check sinks nightly
- ☐ Inspect outdoor play equipment and sheds for wasp nests or rodent activity
- ☐ Schedule your pest inspections and preventative applications

SPRING

Common Pests Include:

Ants, termites, wasps, carpenter bees, bats, woodchucks, and squirrels

Your To-Dos:

- ☐ Check for signs of termite activity or mud tubes
- ☐ Repair damaged screens and door seals
- ☐ Clear leaf litter and mulch at least 6–12 inches from the foundation
- ☐ Declutter garage and storage areas
- ☐ Deep clean kitchen and pantry; discard expired food
- ☐ Inspect and clean gutters to prevent moisture buildup
- ☐ Schedule perimeter pest treatments before consistent warm weather arrives

FALL

Common Pests Include:

Stink bugs, boxelder bugs, rodents, spiders, cluster flies, squirrels

Your To-Dos:

- ☐ Designate a drop zone for backpacks, shoes, and lunch bags
- ☐ Clean out backpacks weekly to avoid forgotten food items
- ☐ Store out-of-season clothes and décor in plastic bins with tight lids
- ☐ Seal exterior cracks, gaps around pipes, and utility entry points
- ☐ Rake leaves and clear debris from around the home's perimeter
- ☐ Install or replace door sweeps and weather stripping
- ☐ Schedule a fall treatment before overwintering pests try to move in