# **Termites Work Year Round**

Fall 2019



While it might seem that termites would only be active during warmer weather, our technicians and inspectors have found termite activity during even the coldest Kansas winters. What this means to you as a homeowner is that you should have your home inspected annually for the presence of a termite infestation. Call our office today to schedule an appointment for a free termite inspection of your home (if you are buying or selling property, there is a \$65.00—\$80.00 fee for a real estate inspection).



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As your children put on costumes and prepare to trick-or-treat, don't forget to take proper precautions to keep them protected from blood-sucking insects this Halloween.

Although summer months tend to be the most active time of year for <u>mosquitoes</u>, <u>ticks</u> and <u>bed</u> <u>bugs</u>, these pests continue to spread germs through bites that can lead to dangerous diseases, even when the temperatures drop well into fall.

"Pests like mosquitoes and ticks are still a problem in much of the country come October 31, with the temperatures staying warm enough for them to survive," said Cindy Mannes, Vice-President of Public Affairs for the National Pest Management Association. "Ticks and mosquitoes are well-known vectors for deadly diseases like Rocky Mountain spotted fever, Lyme disease, West Nile virus and Zika virus. And, bed bugs will continue to be a threat inside of homes throughout fall and winter. So, make sure to stay protected from these creepy crawlers during your trick-or-treating fun."

Follow these tips to avoid being bitten by one of these blooding-sucking insects:

- $\Rightarrow$  Double check the trick-or-treater's costume for ticks.
- $\Rightarrow$  Be sure to wear long sleeves and pants when riding on a hayride.
- ⇒ Wash sheets often to get rid of any creepy, crawly bugs (especially if your child is using a pillowcase to collect candy).
- ⇒ If you're traveling, thoroughly inspect your hotel room by checking the bed, couches and dressers for bed bugs.
- ⇒ Screen windows and doors, and repair tears in screens to prevent mosquitoes from flying inside your house.

# **CARPENTER ANTS**

These large black ants will generally nest in dead trees, injured trees or old firewood outdoors. They create clean galleys in wood, dropping sawdust and dead insect parts into a pile under the nest. Mature colonies can have up to 4,000 ants and will send out winged "swarmers" a few times a year to set up satellite colonies. A large colony outdoors can eventually lead to an infestation in a structure. Carpenter ants prefer soft or moisture-damaged wood to make nests and will travel up to 100 yards in search of food.

Locating and treating the nests of the ants is essential for control. Contact our office for treatment options.



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# TIDBITS

"Every man is guilty of all the good he failed to do." - Voltaire

"It's never too late to give up our prejudices." - Henry David Thoreau

Never give up on someone you can't go a day without thinking about.



#### Indian Meal Moths

Have you recently noticed small moths flying in a zigzag fashion around rooms (especially kitchens and pantries) in your home and making their way to lights, such as TV screens and computer monitors, at night? Or perhaps you've seen the yellowish larvae (worms) crawling up walls and suspended from the ceiling attached to a single silken thread? The Indian meal moth is one of the most common pantry pests in the United States.

### **FUN FACT:**

Fleas can jump 7-8 inches vertically and 14-16 inches horizontally.

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month Again this year, during the month of October, our company will donate \$10.00 for every termite inspection provided by our technicians. We will also match donations from our customers, up to \$100.00 per donation. All donations will be given to the Cancer Council of Reno County.

