# Focus on Spring Pest Control

ADDRESSING OUR CUSTOMERS' TERMITE AND PEST CONTROL NEEDS SINCE 1985.

## **TERMITE SWARMS**

Usually, one of the first signs of a termite infestation is the sudden appearance of swarmers (pictured above). Swarm season generally occurs in the spring for the species of termite found in Kansas. Swarms typically generate panic calls from homeowners who may suddenly see hundreds, if not thousands, of winged termites appearing in a living room or basement or even outdoors. Swarms are an indication that termites are present and that a healthy colony may be nearby. If you see mud tubes or see a swarm this spring, call our office to schedule an inspection. Keep some of the insects for our inspector to identify and we'll discuss a treatment plan that will provide ongoing protection for your home or business.

In early 1995, our company was authorized by Dow AgroSciences to install Sentricon\* *Termite Colony Elimination Systems*, representing a breakthrough in methods of termite treatment which was far different from any liquid barrier treatments which had been used in the past.

Sentricon\* is an ongoing service which consists of installing and monitoring bait stations which are placed in the ground around the perimeter of a structure. The System has evolved significantly since its introduction in 1995. Today, when a System is installed, <u>all</u> Stations are baited with Recruit HD termite bait (EPA#62719-608). An authorized technician, who has been specially trained by Dow AgroSciences, monitors these stations as required by Dow AgroSciences and the Recruit\* HD label. Installation of bait in each Station means your home is being protected round-the-clock. Worker termites which feed on this bait are rendered unable to feed the remaining colony members. Because soldier and reproductive termites cannot feed themselves and rely on workers to provide food for the colony, the colony will eventually starve. Recruit\* is termite specific and continuous feeding by the workers eventually results in colony elimination.

Call our office for more information about this unique and proven method of termite control.





WORKER TERMITES

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ADVANCE



Insulating your home is the best means of saving money month after month on utility bills. According to the Department of Energy, 30-45% of all energy wasted is lost through the roof and walls of a home. The fact is, when cellulose insulation is properly installed by a professional insulation contractor, no other energy improvement investment is recouped faster.

Call our office for an estimate for attic insulation and feel the difference!

It is not the variegated colors, the cheerful sounds, and the warm breezes which enliven us so much in spring; it is the quiet prophetic spirit of endless hope, a presentiment of many happy days, the anticipation of higher everlasting blossoms and fruits, and the secret sympathy with the world that is developing itself. —Martin Opitz



### STINGING INSECTS

1 in 30 Americans (8 million people) is allergic to the venom of stinging insects such as honeybees, wasps, hornets, yellow jackets and fire ants.



"Everyone you will ever meet knows something that you don't." -Bill Nye

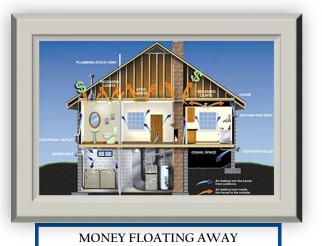
## Travel Tips for Trips

1. Think Shade. Park in the shade when possible. The sun will steal fuel from your gas tank through evaporating emissions, especially in older cars. Be sure you have a tight-fitting gas cap!

2. Drive More Efficiently. Rapidly accelerating and/or braking wastes gas and can lower your m.p.g. by 33% at highway speeds and by 5% in town. Speeding decreases gas mileage too. Use cruise control to maintain a steady speed.

3. Combine Trips. Several short trips taken from a cold start can use twice as much fuel as long multipurpose trips covering the same distance when the engine is warm. With a bit of planning, you can avoid retracing your route and reduce the distance you travel as well.

4. Choose a Fuel-Efficient Vehicle. The most efficient vehicles get about 35 m.p.g.; "gas guzzlers" get less than 20. The difference between a car that gets 20 m.p.g. and one that gets 30 m.p.g. amounts to around \$800.00 annually for motorists averaging 15,000 miles of driving each year. That's nearly \$4,000.00 of gas savings over five years!



GOT ANTS?

Call our office for information about Advance 375 ant bait, a granular product you can apply to the exterior foundation of your home or business to help control these pesky insects.



This newsletter is intended to bring you information to make your life easier and more enjoyable. We would appreciate your passing this newsletter along to neighbors, friends and relatives who might need our services.

> Questions, concerns or comments? Contact our office: 620.662.3616 or 800.536.3614; or send us an e-mail: <u>advance@advancepest.com</u>.

#### ARE YOU OUT THERE?

We love to hear from our customers. Do you need information? Let us know! Have a question for our staff? Call us, e-mail us, send up smoke signals - we don't care! Jump right in there and tell us what's on your mind. But please be nice, we are <u>really, really</u> sensitive.

