



Swarmer termite



Worker termites

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

Focus on Spring Pest Control

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TERMITE INVASIONS

The most visible sign of a termite infestation is the production of winged reproductive termites called "swarmers". Thousands of winged termites emerge from the colony in spring months seeking mates and places to start a new colony. Most swarmers do not survive the event because predators like birds or lizards feast on the swarm or they don't find a suitable place to start a new colony. In order for a recently mated king and queen termite to begin a new colony, they must locate an adequate location offering moisture, a cellulose food source and soil. Because of these prerequisites, most swarming termites inside a home don't spread the infestation, but they do serve as an important warning sign that the structure is infested.

To the untrained eye, winged termites are often mistaken for flying ants. Superficially, flying ants and winged termites may look similar, but there are three easy ways to tell the difference: 1) the shape of their bodies: unlike termites, ants have a distinct waist-like division between the thorax and abdomen. Termites have a broad waist. 2) termites have straight or only slightly curved antennae, but ants have bent or "elbowed" antennae. 3) All four wings on a termite are the same size, while the front wings of ants are larger than the hind wings.

Although swarmers represent an easy way to determine the presence of an active termite infestation, homeowners shouldn't be lulled into thinking that the structure is termite-free just because there's no sign of a swarm. Termite colonies typically don't swarm during the first few years of their existence while the population swells. Alternatively, swarms may occur, but may happen outdoors or in other areas where they remain undetected.

THE SLEEP TIGHT FOUNDATION



was established in 2018 to help local folks with the costs incurred for eradication of bed bug infestations because

Bed Bugs Bite (Actually, They Suck!)

Bed bug infestations are having a severe social, economic and emotional impact on our community and surrounding communities and many of our neighbors do not have the funds to pay for treatment of their homes for bed bugs.

The Sleep Tight Foundation is currently soliciting funds to help those who are unfortunate enough to experience a bed bug infestation, but are unable to pay all or a portion of the costs required for remediation of the issue.

The Foundation would be grateful for any amount you are able to give and because the Sleep Tight Foundation is a 501(c)(3) corporation, your donation is tax-deductible.

Your donations can be mailed to: P O Box 1202, Hutchinson KS 67504-1202

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Have you ever watched a flock of geese flying in their traditional "V" formation? Two engineers learned that each bird, by flapping its wings, creates an uplift for the bird that follows. Together the entire flock gains about 70% greater flying range than if each was journeying alone.





This is Addie, our office kitty. Come see her! She loves visitors!

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



ON THEIR BEST BEHAVIOR: How to Guide Your Children

As a parent, you are your children's first teacher, helping them to learn how to behave in all kinds of situations. Here are some tips to help you bring out their best:

- BE CLEAR ABOUT RULES, BUT PICK YOUR BATTLES.** Dangerous behavior that can hurt someone must be dealt with. Behaviors that are annoying, but not harmful, can simply be ignored.
- BE CONSISTENT.** Always correct behaviors that break the rules you've set. Use "timeouts" for children ages 18 months to 5 years. For older children, take away privileges, such as TV watching or time with friends.
- BE THE KIND OF PERSON YOU WANT YOUR CHILDREN TO BE.**

KIDS' CORNER



The praying mantis is capable of turning its head 360 degrees. It is the only insect that can do this and the only creature on earth with only one ear.

PLAY GAMES AND CHECK OUT MORE FUN PEST FACTS AT www.kidspestworld.org.

ANTS?

Call our office for information about Advance 375 ant bait, a granular product that you can apply on the exterior foundation of your home to help control those pesky ants.



SENTRICON* *Termite Colony Elimination System*

In 1995, Lt. Col. Eileen M. Collins became the first woman to pilot a U.S. space shuttle; "Forest Gump" won an Oscar for Best Picture; Cleveland opened the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame Museum and the Cleveland Indians were in the World Series for the first time in 40 years!

All of the above "good stuff" happened in the year Dow AgroSciences launched the Sentricon* *Termite Colony Elimination System*.

Since 1995, Sentricon* Systems have been installed around over 2 million residential and commercial properties, and Sentricon* Systems currently protect such national treasures as the White House and the Statue of Liberty.

Since the launching of Sentricon*, the System has received an extensive technology makeover, including:

- ⇒ **Always Active technology**—the bait now is placed in all Sentricon* stations at installation and each station remains baited all the time.
- ⇒ **Improved bait matrix**—featuring a new matrix that enhances bait acceptance and extends durability, **Recruit* HD** bait is preferred by termites over wood, and becomes more preferable and palatable to the pests over time. Additionally, the bait contains 2.3 times more active ingredient (Noviflumuron) than **Recruit IV** termite bait.
- ⇒ **Annual monitoring label**—the EPA has granted annual monitoring for Always Active.

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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.

We love to hear from our customers. If you have any questions, concerns or comments, please contact our office at 620.662.3616 or 800.536.3614) or e-mail us at advance@advancepest.com. Please be kind — we're very sensitive!

STINGING INSECTS



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

