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SPOTLIGHT ON SUMMER PEST CONTROL

BLACK WIDOW SPIDERS

In the past several years, we have received more calls about black widow spiders than ever.

The mature female black widow is a globe-shaped, black, shiny spider with a red or orange marking or hourglass on the underside of her abdomen. Males are smaller, brown and not a significant threat to people. A strong, irregular web indicates the presence of a black widow spider. They weave egg sacs which may contain up to 300 eggs. Removal or destruction of the egg sacs may help control the population. This spider is resistant to many insecticides.

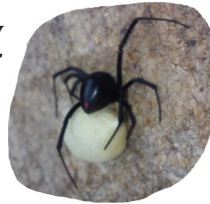
Signs & Symptoms:

The initial sensation may be painful, with little local reaction. Later, pain, cramping and rigidity may appear in the shoulders, back, chest or abdomen. Other symptoms include nausea, vomiting, headache, anxiety and hypertension.

First Aid:

Clean the site well with soap and water. Apply a cool compress over the bite location and keep the affected limb elevated to about heart level. Aspirin or Tylenol may be used to relieve minor symptoms. Treatment in a medical facility may be necessary for children less than 5 years old or for adults with severe symptoms. Medical treatment is always advised when a black widow spider bite is suspected.

**FEMALE BLACK WIDOW
SPIDER WITH EGG SAC**



HOW TO TAKE THE STING OUT OF SUMMER

- ◇ Wear shoes, especially in grassy areas.
- ◇ Overseed grassy areas to get better coverage, as this will deter ground-nesting insects.
- ◇ DO NOT swat at a stinging insect as it increases the likelihood of an aggressive reaction.
- ◇ Avoid wearing sweet smelling perfumes.
- ◇ Do not attempt to remove a nest on your own. If you have an infestation, call our office for qualified help.
- ◇ Remove garbage frequently and keep trash cans covered.
- ◇ Ensure all doors and windows have screens in good condition.
- ◇ See immediate medical attention if stung, as reactions can be severe.



This newsletter is intended to bring you information to make your life easier and more enjoyable. Please pass this Newsletter along to friends and relatives who might need our services.

If you have questions or comments, please call our office at 620.662.3616 or e-mail us at advance@advancepest.com.

We sincerely appreciate your business!

EVERY FLOWER THAT EVER
BLOOMED HAD TO GO
THROUGH A WHOLE LOT OF
DIRT TO GET THERE.



Hiring a Pest Management Professional for Bed Bug Control

Treating bed bugs is **complex** and most people elect to hire professionals to lead the effort. Because professional treatments can be expensive, it's important to research your options to find the best fit for you.

The company you hire should use IPM ("Integrated Pest Management"), which will include monitoring for any bed bugs that have been missed during treatment. Because this is your home, you want to help too in an effort to maximize your chances for success when working with a professional:

- ◆ Get a pest management professional (PMP) involved as **soon as possible**. Taking time to try to treat the problem yourself could **help the infestation spread**.
- ◆ Prepare for multiple visits, as many infestations are not controlled with only one treatment.
- ◆ Hire a PMP experienced in treating bed bug infestations. Check the company's credentials.
- ◆ Follow guidelines on how to prepare for control, which will include laundering and cleaning.
- ◆ Expect the PMP to inspect your residence, take apart furniture if necessary and use vacuums, heat and pesticides to treat the infestation.

For more tips on how to choose a pest control company, read the [EPA's Citizen's Guide to Pest Control and Pesticide Safety](#).



Words to Start Your Day

"Children need love especially when they do not deserve it." – Harold S. Hulbert

Mosquito Prevention 101

Mosquitoes require an aquatic habitat for their early stages of development. By simply removing water resources in which mosquitoes may develop, you can help keep mosquitoes at bay near your home this summer:

- ◇ **Don't over water your yard/garden. Standing water becomes a source for mosquito eggs.**
- ◇ **Empty and refill bird baths at least once weekly.**
- ◇ **Remove standing water from plant saucers.**
- ◇ **Change pet dish water once weekly.**
- ◇ **Change water in kiddie pools and fountains at least once weekly.**
- ◇ **Make sure trash can lids are on tight so no water gets inside. Upside-down lids can also serve as water reservoirs.**
- ◇ **Clean gutters on house and make sure water is flowing properly away from house.**
- ◇ **Fill in mud puddles.**
- ◇ **Grade yard so water moves away from house and yard.**
- ◇ **Check tree stumps for standing water.**
- ◇ **Make sure tire swings and old tires are emptied of standing water and keep swimming pools drained or covered during off months and treated properly during the summer season.**
- ◇ **Add bubblers or fountains to lakes or ponds to keep the surface constantly rippling.**



HOW TO DE-SKUNK YOUR DOG

This time of year, skunks are active in many parts of the country. Sometimes dogs will get near enough to skunks to get "sprayed". This creates a very noxious situation when the dog comes inside. Kansas State University suggests the following home remedy to "de-skunk" a dog:

- ⇒ 1/4 c. 3% hydrogen peroxide
- ⇒ 1/4 c. baking soda
- ⇒ 1 teaspoon liquid soap

Wet the animal down, then apply the mixture and work it through the animal's fur. Leave the solution on three to four minutes and finish with a tap water rinse.

Mix only enough solution to use on the dog. **Discard the remainder as it should not be kept and stored.**

The only causes of regret are laziness, outbursts of temper, hurting others, prejudice, jealousy and envy. - Germaine Greer