

Pests: The Unwanted Guests

Common pests and the problems they can cause you and your property.

- **Raccoons**

Love scavenging through your trash and are capable of tearing off shingles and chewing holes to gain entrance through attics and chimneys

- **Squirrels-Gray, Red & Flying**

Favorite hobbies include chewing on wires (fire hazard) and rafters all day and night in order to make a nest in your insulation, they access homes through small cracks

- **Chipmunks**

Enjoy spending time in your garden and making tunnels under stone patios and rock walls, they bring with them a path of destruction

- **Opposums**

May decide to move into your shed, basement, attic or crawlspace following their food source of rodents, tend to make minimal damage to homes, but if they are following rodents, then you might have worse problems

- **Bats**

These sneaky fellows enter your home through a space less than an inch wide, have potential to spread rabies and their waste will build up over time, drip through ceilings, destroy insulation and soak through sheetrock causing serious damage to a home

- **Rodents**

Preferred hobbies include gnawing on wires (fire hazard), wood, pipes and brickwork, also are capable of spreading dangerous diseases

- **Termites**

Nickname: The Silent Destroyers, these guys are able to chew through wood, flooring and even wallpaper undetected, can cause serious structural damage inside and out



Facts

Average cost of termite damage
\$3,000

One flea in one day can lay
up to 50 eggs

Mice reproduce quickly
every 3.5 weeks

Amount of time ants sleep
never

Prevention

- Leave outside trash in closed bins
- Keep basements, attics, and crawl spaces ventilated and dry
- Seal up your home by using caulk on both doors and windows
- Don't store wood against your house, this will encourage termites

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