

EARWIGS

What you need to know

Earwigs are dark brown, ranging in size from a 1/4" to an inch long. Their most distinguishing features are the forceps at the end of their bodies which look like pincers. A female will lay about 50 eggs at a time in either the fall or spring. After hatching they take about 8 weeks to become adults.

While earwigs do very little damage and they are largely an outdoor insect, they will move inside and become a nuisance. They are creepy little critters!

What we do

During the spring, summer or fall we can treat the exterior of your home to minimize the indoor activity. The foundation and a band of soil around the house are treated as well as possible entry points, which include around doors, windows, wire and pipes leading into the home.

What you can do

By maintaining the exterior of your home you can help reduce the earwigs that manage to make it inside. By reducing vegetation adjacent to the home, not over-mulching garden beds, keeping the grass mowed and keeping all areas weeded you can make your yard less appealing to earwig populations. Make sure that door seals are in good shape and any cracks and gaps outside of the home are sealed up.