

WASPS, HORNETS & BEES

What you need to know

There are lots of different types of wasps, bees and hornets but the thing that bothers us most is that they sting, and a lot of us have allergic reactions to being stung.

The easiest way to spot a nest is a lot of activity in one spot. Not all nests can be seen hanging in a tree or attached to the house, sometimes they are inside a wall, the ground or even a hot tub.

If you find a swarm of honey bees one day outside, don't worry. The bees will be travelling with the queen to find a new home and they will probably leave in a few hours or overnight if you can be patient. It's an amazing sight to see so grab your camera but leave the bug spray.

The most important thing NOT to do is seal an access hole of an active nest. They will not die inside the wall if you seal up the hole. They will find a way to escape and most often that escape is into the house.

What you can do

If you are noticing a lot of activity, watch them for a while to find the nest. If you have a hanging or umbrella nest you can probably treat it yourself fairly easily if you wish. If you have a nest that is inside a wall or in the roof it can be very difficult to treat yourself with the products that are available to homeowners.

Sealing holes can be helpful, but be careful to limit your sealing to unnecessary gaps and holes. Do not cover furnace vents or fill in weeping holes.

You can help reduce bothersome activity outside by limiting the amount of flowers in the area, or relocating flowers away from decks and patios. The use of wasp traps can be quite successful as well. Don't consume sugary foods and drinks outside.

What we do

We can treat an active nest in just about any location.

We cannot keep wasps, bees, or hornets from your property.