

# SPIDERS

## **What you need to know**

There are thousands of species of spiders and most of them are never encountered in our lives. While most we don't have to worry about there are some that make themselves comfortable in our homes. Most spiders feed on insects, a few feed off of other spiders, making them greatly beneficial. For this reason treatments for spiders are mostly done for our personal comfort. We may be quite happy to let them be outside but they may get too prolific inside of our homes becoming a bother.

While we like to blame spiders for bites during the night, they are generally non-aggressive. Those bites will usually be due to fleas, mosquitoes, bed bugs or even our clothing or bedding. Spiders will bite to protect themselves. Quite often when we are putting on shoes, clothing or rolling over in bed on one they will respond with a bite in an attempt to escape.

Certain locations will have larger numbers and larger sizes of spiders, like those homes near water or heavy woodlands.

## **What we do**

Our recommendation is an exterior perimeter treatment of the home. The goal is to reduce the number of spiders that are able access your home and additionally reduce the number of insects that spiders feed on.

## **What you can do**

General maintenance around your home can reduce spider access. Things like filling in cracks around doors, windows and wires. Minimize insect and fly activity inside and outside of your home. Removing leaf clutter and keeping vegetation back from the structure. Be aware of ventilation and humidity issues inside your home.

Store boxes off the floor and away from the wall.

Relocate individual spiders to the outside of the home, and remove webbing found inside.