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How To Have A Pest-Free Summer

The weather is starting to warm up and a lot of insects and rodents are starting to invade our homes and businesses. None of us wants to live with these pests because of the damage they can do and the diseases they may spread.

Some home and business owners still go down to the hardware store and buy some of that smelly stuff and spray it everywhere they see a bug. But, times are changing and many of us no longer want to unnecessarily expose our family and pets to these products.

Pesticides are not the only answer to controlling pests and there are a lot a lot of things you can do yourself – at little or no costs to you. Here are **some tips to help keep your home pest free this summer:**

1. **Control excess moisture.** We can't emphasize this point enough because it is a fact that insects and rodents cannot survive without water. This should always be your **first step** when trying to control a pest problem. Check for plumbing leaks, roof leaks, leaky rain gutters, etc. Take a look at the ground around your home and make sure that you aren't overwatering your lawn and plants. Check your sprinkler system and adjust it if needed. Insects and rodents need a lot of water and if you keep your home as dry as possible, they will find your home a lot less attractive.
2. **Eliminate food sources.** It is a fact that insects and

rodents cannot survive without food. You can solve a lot of insect and rodent problems by not leaving dirty dishes in the sink, emptying your trash cans daily and keeping your food in sealed containers. Check around your kitchen appliances and cabinets and you may find food debris in these areas. By cleaning up that stuff, you'll make your kitchen a lot less attractive for pests. Also, if you have pets, don't leave their food and water bowls out at night – these are like an "*all night diner*" for bugs and rodents.

3. **Clean up leaf piles and debris** from around your home. It is a fact that insects and rodents cannot survive without a place to live. If you'll eliminate their harborage, a lot of pests will disappear naturally.
4. **Keep all plants and trees cut back** away from your home. You should cut all trees back at least 4 feet away from your home and make sure that none of the tree branches are left hanging over your roof. This one simple step can be a very effective control measure and it will discourage pests from entering your home.
5. **Remove fruit bearing plants that attract insects and rodents.** You may also want to remove other plants that harbor honey-dew producing insects (Fig trees, cherry laurel, bamboo, oleander, etc.).
6. **Keep firewood off the ground and store it away from your home.** Also, be sure to check for pests

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100 Years Ago ...

On June 24, 1916, American actress Mary Pickford signed a contract with Adolph Zukor's Famous Players film company which granted her a record-breaking salary of \$10,000 a week. Not bad for a kid who started acting to help support her family!

Remembering Marilyn Monroe

"Hollywood is a place where they'll pay you a thousand dollars for a kiss and fifty cents for your soul."

Marilyn Monroe, born June 1, 1926

Rave Reviews!

"I recently hired your company and was so happy with the service I received. Eric Chavez and Skip Haffke were both so professional and thorough! They both were so fantastic that I decided to hire your company to come out every two months. I just wanted you to know that they are doing an excellent job and that these two men are the reason I chose to stick with Termite Terry! Thank you for all your hard work."

Lisa Pennington
Anaheim Hills

"I've known Termite Terry for three years and what I can tell you is that he is extremely thorough. He is so knowledgeable about any kind of bug or creature! I had a grub/raccoon issue and he knew how to handle the situation. He gets it done right the first time and I totally trust him. Got bed bugs, termites, roof rats, possums? Call Termite Terry! He doesn't mess around and will do you right!"

Angie Butler
Arbonne Independent Consultant
Los Alamitos

"My wife Rose and I are very pleased with the results of the work of tenting-fumigation by the workers of Termite Terry Pest Control.

We especially want to acknowledge and thank Skip Haffke for his relating to us throughout the process. He spoke with such clarity that we were able to understand what was happening. We learned a lot from him."

David and Rose Golden
Irvine

- before bringing any firewood inside your home.
- Seal up cracks and holes in your home's exterior walls.** This helps to keep pests out of your home and will eliminate places for them to live. Weather stripping around doors and windows will also help to keep pests out.
 - Inspect the screens on your doors and windows** and repair them if needed. Screens are a very effective way to keep pests out of your home. While you're inspecting your home, don't forget to check the screens in your attic, garage and subarea vents. These screens are especially important because they keep out birds, rodents and small animals.
 - Guard against pest invaders** by checking incoming items for "hitchhiking" bugs. Many types of pests can be brought in with luggage, laundry and groceries. Take a close look before you bring any flowers or plants into your home because you'll often find insects living in them.
 - Ensure good ventilation** in attics, garages and subareas. An effective ventilation system will help keep these areas dry, will naturally reduce the amount of insects and will help to prevent mold and mildew problems.
 - Keep food and garbage in tightly sealed containers.** This is especially important to do at night because that is when many pests are most active.

You'll find that you can take these tips and solve a lot of pest problems without using any pesticides. You may find that the application of a pesticide is sometimes still needed. If this is the case, you should select the **least toxic** product, use the **least amount possible** and **follow all** of the manufacturer's instructions.

Do you have a pest problem that you need help with? **Call us at (949) 631-7348** and we'll be happy to schedule an appointment at your convenience.

Truck Runs Off The Road And Releases Millions Of Bees

A truck on Interstate 80 ran off the road and fell into a ditch, causing millions of bees to be released.

The truck, carrying a full load of bees, was traveling eastbound on I-80. A Highway Patrol officer said that the driver apparently fell asleep at the wheel. The truck veered off the road and landed in a ditch. Millions of bees were released into the surrounding area when the truck landed on its passenger side.

The truck driver was not seriously injured in the wreck and refused medical attention when an ambulance arrived. Witnesses at the scene say the driver was more concerned about recovering the bees.

The Highway Patrol officer said he could see bees in every direction when he arrived on the scene. He went on to say, "I would say probably a football field in any direction from the truck was swarming with honey bees."

Two other trucks stopped to see if the driver was alright, but they were unable to get out of their trucks because of the bees.

Beekeepers from nearby counties volunteered their time to assist the driver.

The driver of the truck was cited for failure to maintain a single lane of travel.



Zika Virus Attacks 157 Pregnant Women In The US

The Centers for Disease Control reports there are now 157 pregnant women in the United States that have tested positive for the Zika virus.

Most people who are infected with the Zika virus experience only a mild and brief illness. However, pregnant women are much more at risk because infection can cause a serious birth defect called microcephaly, as well as other severe brain defects.

The Zika virus is primarily spread to people by infected *Aedes aegypti* mosquitoes. It was first discovered in 1947 and was named after the Zika Forest in Uganda.

Of the 544 cases reported in the US, these people had all traveled out of the country or had sex with someone who did. There is no evidence that the virus is currently being spread in this country.

Officials are concerned that the virus may start spreading here when the weather warms up and the mosquito populations grow.

Three months ago, President Obama asked congress for \$1.9 billion in emergency funding to combat Zika. The House recently passed a bill for \$622 million and the Senate has now approved a bill for \$1.1 billion.

The White House says the House plan is inadequate but that they would accept the Senate compromise.

Meanwhile, President Obama has devoted almost \$600 million to combat Zika. He got the funds from previous appropriations that were mostly leftover from the recent and successful effort to fight Ebola.

The Centers for Disease Control says that if you plan to travel, you should go to their website and check to see if the country you plan to go to

has any travel health notices. They also recommend using condoms to help prevent the spread of this disease or to stop having sex.

Their website is packed with information and you can learn a lot of ways to help protect yourself from this horrible virus.

The President's Economic Stimulus

Candidates are dropping out of the race but President Termite Terry is still on the trail promoting his economic stimulus plan. He truly believes that his plan is what we need to grow our nation's economy. Here are just a few of your fellow citizens who have benefited recently:

- Harry and Lana Durken of Costa Mesa recommended us to Neil Ross of Costa Mesa.
- Jimmy Page of Santa referred us to Artishia Dottin of Santa Ana.
- Steve Womack of Irvine referred us to Holloway Brock of Irvine.
- Patti Ball of Mission Viejo recommended our service to Kathy Yen of Lake Forest. So far, Patti has earned four gas cards!
- Barry Acton of Orange referred us to Barbara Brown of Orange.
- David Beckett of Placentia recommended our service to John Burns of Placentia.

Everyone who referred us received a **FREE \$50 Gas Card!** If you'd like to participate, all you have to do is to refer us to your family, friends or neighbors. And, if they have us do termite treatments, wood repairs or start a regular pest control service, you'll get your **FREE tank of gas**, too!

Celebrating Graduation Day

This is a very special time for those who are graduating from school and we were reminded of a song recorded by the Four Freshmen. This beautiful song was the 17th biggest hit on the Billboard charts in 1956. It is easy to find on the web and here are the lyrics so you can sing along with them:

*It's a time for joy
A time for tears
A time we'll treasure through the years
We'll remember always
Graduation day*

*At the Senior prom
We danced 'til three
And there you gave your heart to me
We'll remember always
Graduation day*

*Though we leave in sorrow
All the joys we've known
We can face tomorrow
Knowing we'll never walk alone*

*When the ivy walls
Are far behind
No matter where our paths my wind
We'll remember always
Graduation day*

*Though we leave in sorrow
All the joys we've known
We can face tomorrow
Knowing we'll never walk alone*

(repeat)

*When the ivy walls
Are far behind
No matter where our paths my wind
We'll remember always, always
Graduation day*

*We'll remember always
Graduation day!*

Congratulations to all the students who have worked so hard and may your futures be very bright and successful.

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Homeowners Held Hostage By A Bobcat

Homeowners are literally being held hostage by a bobcat that has taken up residence between homes in San Diego County. This bobcat is protecting her three young cubs and is showing no signs of leaving any time soon.

Bobby Caughey said, "Our dogs were outside and they were playing around and then we heard a scream. I came outside, and there's a bobcat face looking right back at me." In sheer panic, he picked up a tricycle and threw it towards the bobcat.

One of his dogs had to be taken to a vet to have stitches put on his legs and stomach. His family also found raccoon fur by their pool, and they believe that the bobcat was behind the killing.

The other neighbor, Bri Hurtado, also had one of her dogs attacked. "We only saw two puncture wounds, so we thought it was a snake," she said. However, once her dog was taken in for treatment and they found a total of thirteen wounds, the vet knew that something much larger was at play.

"Our neighborhood has left multiple messages with multiple agencies and nobody seems to want to respond to the fact that in this very urban area, a bobcat has taken up residence," Hurtado said. Her mother says that wildlife officials have told her that it is illegal to trap and relocate bobcats.

What are these people supposed to do? How long are they going to have their family and pets locked up inside of their homes?

Please excuse me for being cynical, but I believe that if this was happening to one of our fine politicians or a Hollywood celebrity, the problem would have already vanished. It's nice to know that our officials care so much about the rest of us.



"Termite" Terry Singleton