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How You Can Keep Your Home Pest Free This Summer

The weather is hot during our summer and many Orange County homeowners are seeing a high number of insects and rodents around their homes. None of us want to live in a home infested with insects and rodents because they can cause a great deal of damage. They can also be serious vectors of disease.

In the past, when homeowners encountered these problems, many of them would simply go down to the hardware store and buy some of that smelly stuff and spray it everywhere in and around their house. These pesticides would work some of the time but in many cases, their family and pets were unnecessarily exposed to these products.

Times have changed, we've grown smarter and we don't want our children crawling over a floor that has been sprayed with a pesticide. But, we also know that we don't want bugs inside our homes. This can be very frustrating.

Are you concerned about using pesticides inside your home or business? It may surprise you, but there are many ways in which you can control a lot of these pests without using pesticides. And, you'll be happy to learn that there are a lot of things you can do yourself – at little or no costs to you. Here are **ten tips to help keep your home pest free this summer:**

1. **Control excess moisture.** This should always be your first step because water is like a magnet for insect and

rodent problems. 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. **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.
3. **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.).
4. **Clean up leaf piles and debris** from around your home. By doing this, you will eliminate a lot of pest harborage.
5. **Keep firewood off the ground and store it away from your home.** Also, be sure to check for pests before bringing any firewood inside your home.
6. **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

(Keep reading!)

100 Years Ago . . .

After 10 year of construction, the Panama Canal officially opened on August 15, 1914. The 48 mile long canal connects the Atlantic and Pacific oceans and about 15,000 vessels navigate its waters per year.

Remembering Will Rogers

"The only difference between death and taxes is that death doesn't get worse every time Congress meets."

Will Rogers, died August 15, 1935

Rave Reviews!

"We want to let you know how appreciative we are for the ongoing assistance (via bi-monthly servicing) in eliminating all the "bugging" around our home in Costa Mesa. Tracing back to the year 2009, Termite Terry Pest Control helped us to overcome invasions from termites, ants, spiders and silver fish critters. Since that particular time-period (over 4 years ago) those previous invaders haven't come back to "bug" and if they did Terry got 'em! We can sleep with piece of mind knowing that those lil trespassers will stay away being that we're taking part in your Green Pest Control Service Plan.

As some background, when the problematic ants do try and move-back-in with us our representative technician David Salamin has always been ready to come to our rescue and put a stop to it! Prior to David's arrival we couldn't determine where the ants were entering from and I began to think our house was built on an anthill. Over a short period of time David was able to narrow down the problem to specific areas in & around our home where the ants had entry thru small cracks around cabinets and windows. Since then David, has been our "go to guy" for the bi-monthly exterior treatments and not only are the ants staying away, we've also been spider and silverfish free.

Our confidence level in the quality services you provide have inspired us to recommend Termite Terry Pest Control to any of our friends and neighbors that might need some help with similar issues as well. I always suggested "call Terry" and he's continually been very professional with the relative assessments, recommendations and solid follow-thru. I'll continue to happily spread the word."

Eric Garcia, Think Ink Marketing
Costa Mesa

stripping around doors and windows will also help to keep pests out.

7. **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 on your attic, garage and subarea vents. These screens are especially important because they keep out birds, rodents and small animals.
8. **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.
9. **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.
10. **Keep food and garbage in tightly fitting 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 ten tips and solve a lot of pest problems without using any pesticides. Sometimes, you may find that the application of a pesticide is 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.



Forget Fly Swatters, Get Out Your Bug-A-Salt Rifle!

Summer is a great time to have a picnic or barbeque. Unfortunately, as soon as you break out the food, flies, mosquitoes, wasps and other pests will join in and threaten to ruin your party.

Trying to swat these flying pests with a rolled up newspaper can be really frustrating because they often get away unharmed. But now, these pests have met their match: A **Bug-A-Salt Rifle**. This pump-action rifle will take out a bug with a single shot!

This plastic shotgun requires no battery or charging. Instead, it uses compressed air to propel a pinch of table salt at the intended target and it holds enough to shoot 50 rounds before you have to reload!

Unlike fly swatters, which often leave a bloody mess after you smash a bug, the only clean-up this device needs is a quick brush.

The Bug-A-Salt rifle will turn bug-hunting into a sport. The rifle is manufactured by Skell Inc. of Santa Monica and they claim that it is a completely safe way to take out an annoying bug. Because it only uses ordinary table salt, they say that it would never break the skin on even the smallest child.



I can just hear you saying it now,

“Go ahead bug, make my day,” as you fire away at a fly on the wall. But if things get out of control, call “Terry the Terminator” at (949) 631-7348 to help out with all of your pest control needs.

Giant African Snails Seized At Airport

67 live giant African snails were seized by federal authorities at Los Angeles International Airport.

The collection of snails weighed over 35 pounds, was shipped from Nigeria and arrived in two plastic baskets. The paperwork included with the shipment stated that they were meant for human consumption.

Giant African snails can live as long as 10 years and grow up to eight inches long. The snails are considered a delicacy in Nigeria but are also known as a voracious pest.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture says that these snails pose a serious threat to agriculture, the environment and public health. They can consume more than 500 types of plants and if fruits and vegetables are not available, they will eat the paint and stucco off homes. These snails can also carry several parasites harmful to humans, one of which can lead to meningitis.

Federal inspectors have in the past discovered one or two of these large snails hidden in luggage. But, this is the first time they have encountered such a large quantity and as a consumption entry. For our protection, the U.S.D.A. incinerated the entire snail collection.



President's Economic Stimulus Plan

Years have gone by and still, our representatives in Washington D.C. have done little if anything to improve our economy. That is why President Termite Terry is still out promoting his economic stimulus plan. His plan has shown proven results and many have enjoyed getting their **FREE tank of gas**. Here are just a few more that have benefited:

- Craig Gilbert of Huntington Beach referred us to Anne Gwynn of Garden Grove.
- Carol Barnes of Mission Viejo recommended our service to Megan Barnes of Lake Forest.
- Kelly Keran of Rancho Santa Margarita referred our services to Michael McAlister, also of Rancho Santa Margarita.
- Tammy Mai of Fountain Valley referred us to Tray Nguyen of Fountain Valley.
- Nola Cohen of Huntington Beach recommended our services to Donna & Walter Maksimczyk of Huntington Beach.

Can you imagine how great it would feel to pull into a gas station and fill up for **FREE**? To get your own **FREE tank of gas**, all you have to do is to refer us to your family, friends or neighbors. And, if they have us do a termite treatment, wood repairs or start a regular pest control service, you'll get your **FREE tank of gas**, too!



Remembering The Navajo Code Talkers

Phillip Johnston was the son of a missionary to the Navajos. Growing up, he learned the language and became one of the few non-natives to speak Navajo.

He had been a WWI veteran and knew how important it was to our country to have a code that could not be broken by the enemy. Phillip also knew that the Choctaw Indian language had been used during WWI and in 1942; he suggested to Major General Clayton Vogel that they should use the Navajo's language as code in WWII.

The Navajo's language is an unwritten language which is extremely complex. Its syntax, tonal qualities and dialects can be extremely baffling to anyone who hasn't been taught the language. Another advantage to the Navajo language is that they could decode messages very fast.

Men who knew both English and Navajo were chosen and they worked together to create the code within their own language. In May of 1942, the first 29 Navajo recruits were sent to Camp Pendleton and received training in Morse code, semaphore, military-style messages, wire laying and to learn all about radios. Later, they created their own dictionary.

The Code Talkers were so vital to the Marine Corps during WWII that they had one or two men guarding them at all times. From 1942 to 1945, they took part in every US Marine assault conducted in the Pacific. As Major General Howard Connor said, "Were it not for the Navajos, the Marines would have never taken Iwo Jima". The General had six Navajo Code talkers working around the clock during the first 48 hours of battle and they sent, coded and decoded a total of 800 messages, all without errors!

There were about 300 Code Talkers. All were volunteers and none were drafted. Chester Nez, the last of the original Code Talkers died this year on June 5th. Let's all take a moment and thank them for their service.

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Wood Pulp In Your Burgers And Tacos?

When you go to your favorite restaurant and order one of their juicy burgers, chances are that you're not dreaming about eating wood pulp. It may surprise you to learn that most of the major food chains are adding wood pulp to their meats, as well as to a number of different products.

Next time you decide to order food, take a few minutes to read the list of ingredients and you'll likely see names like microcrystalline cellulose (MCC), alpha-cellulose, flour cellulose, cellulose fiber, cellulose gum, powdered cellulose or regenerated cellulose. Translated into plain English, those are fancy names for wood pulp.

These cellulose-based ingredients are added for emulsion-stabilizing, cling improving and anti-caking purposes. The Food and Drug Administration tells us that cellulose cannot be digested by humans, it has no nutritional value and when consumed in large amounts, it provides dietary bulk that may have cause a laxative effect.

Cellulose is commonly added to ground meats, fish filets, biscuits, buns, tortillas, onion rings, mozzarella sticks, pancakes, milk shakes, shredded cheese, syrup, ice cream, honey mustard, barbecue sauce and many other types of food.

Trying to cut down on your wood pulp consumption can be quite difficult if you are dining out or buying processed foods at the grocery store. If you are really serious about avoiding wood pulp, you may have to buy fresh ingredients and start cooking at home.

Meanwhile, if you don't mind eating wood pulp and you like using it as a cheap filler, let me know. I'll have my guys sweep up all of the saw dust after we finish a job and we'll save it for you.



"Termite" Terry Singleton