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## How To Control Those *Scary* Spiders

Are you afraid of spiders? If the sight of a spider creates fear in your heart, you are certainly not alone. In Western societies, 55% of females and 18% of males are estimated to experience *arachnophobia*.

Besides scaring some people "*half to death*", spiders are also very messy and their webs can make even the nicest home look dirty and appear like a "*haunted house*".

Why do so many home and business owners have such a terrible time controlling spiders? If there was one reason, it would probably be that most people don't understand the basic biology and behavior of spiders. In this article, we'd like for you to learn some of these basics so you can keep your home or business "*spider-free*" this Halloween.

### Back To The Basics

There are over 35,000 described species of spiders in the world. In the U.S., it is possible to collect between 400 and 700 different species. Fortunately, Orange County residents have only about three species that frequently invade homes and businesses.

The **black widow spider** is probably the most feared spider. The female black widow is jet-black with a red hourglass on its underside. Males are smaller and lighter colored. Females will produce 4-9 white silken egg sacs in a summer and each of these contains **300-400 eggs!** Add up those numbers and you'll easily understand why these pests can be so hard to control. When a person is bitten by

a black widow, body aches are a normal reaction. This spider's venom may also cause headaches, high blood pressure and nausea.

The **brown widow spider** specie recently became established in California in the early 2000's. It has a mottling of tan and brown with black accents and you'll find an orange colored hourglass on its underside. The egg sacs of a brown widow spider are yellowish and have numerous "silk spicules". The venom of a brown widow is as toxic as the Black Widow's but their bites are minor in comparison.

Many are afraid of **brown recluse spiders** because their bites can be very painful and dangerous. However, there is no reason for you to worry about these spiders because they are not found in California.

The "**Daddy Long Leg**" spider likes to live indoors. These spiders have a small grey, elongated body with eight very long legs. 20-30 eggs are held in a silk net and this is carried with the female as she moves around. These breed year round. Their venom is poisonous but their fangs are too short to penetrate skin and that is why they are not considered to be dangerous.

### How You Can Control Spiders

1. If you have a spider problem; that is proof you have a lot of bugs in the area. Always start any spider control program by **eliminating the other pests** in your home  
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### 75 Years Ago ...

On October 27, 1929, nylon stockings were sold publicly for the first time, in a department store in Wilmington, Delaware. During the first year on the market, the DuPont Company sold 64 million pairs of stockings.

### Celebrating President Dwight Eisenhower

*"Neither a wise man nor a brave man lies down on the tracks of history to wait for the train of the future to run over him."*

Dwight D. Eisenhower, born October 14, 1890

## Rave Review!

*“Dealing with termites is not one of the joys of home ownership. In fact, it is quite disturbing knowing pests are eating up your home. Then there is the problem of finding an honest termite company to handle the termite job. I did intense research through the internet to come up with a company I felt comfortable doing business with. Based on research and reviews, I went with Termite Terry Pest Control. After calling Termite Terry, they scheduled an appointment with me within 24 hours. Skip was the specialist who inspected my home. Skip was very thorough with the inspection. I followed along watching and asking questions. He was very patient with me in explaining his findings. At the end, he wrote up an estimate and explained the estimate to me. I took the estimate and said I would get back to him. He thanked me for the time and left, without any high-pressure sales pitch.*

*I found Termite Terry’s estimate was fairly priced. One thing that stood out to me was their ironclad guarantee. If they do not get rid of all termites when they fumigate, they will come back and do it again plus reimburse all your money back. How can you beat that? With the professional service from Skip along with their reputation and guarantee, I went with Termite Terry Pest Control.*

*I later called back to speak with Skip and set up the work to be done. They were good about setting up an appointment on a timely basis. On the day they were to do the work, they showed up on time and I was happy to find that Skip oversaw the job the entire time. After the work was completed, they did a fantastic job of leaving the home as they found it, compared to leaving a mess.*

*A few days later, Skip called back to follow up with me, in which I told him I was very pleased. With that, I would highly recommend Termite Terry Pest Control for any of your pest control needs. You’ll be glad you did!”*

Keith Squyres,  
Long Beach

- or business, **first**.
2. **Knock down major cobwebs.** If spiders don’t have webs, they can’t catch anything and this will help encourage them to go elsewhere. This will also improve the appearance of your home.
3. **Use a vacuum cleaner** to remove spiders, their egg sacs and webs. Remember how many egg sacs these spiders produce and how many eggs there are in each one? For every egg sac you vacuum up, you could in effect be eliminating up to 400 potential new spiders!! Best of all, this will substantially reduce the amount of insecticide needed to gain control.
4. **Sanitation and removal of clutter** is very important because it eliminates many places for them to live and breed.
5. **Keep plants cut back** and away from the exterior of your home or business. Some homes have plants, shrubs, trees and vines growing against or all over them. If this is the case, there is probably little hope that you’ll ever solve your spider problem. Keeping plants cut back is really important if you want to gain control over spiders.
6. **A residual dust, such as boric acid, can really be effective** when applied in attics and subareas. Remember, **very little is needed** and if you can see the dust after you have applied it, you have used too much.
7. **Some residual insecticide sprays** can be very useful for exterior treatments. We especially recommend using granular formulations on lawn and soil areas located adjacent to the structure because they are longer lasting. Also, they are less likely to wash away when you irrigate or when it rains. By using these products, you are helping to reduce run-off and doing your part to protect our beaches.

Are you having a problem with spiders and need help? **Call our office at (949) 631-7348** and ask for us to

schedule a **FREE pest audit**. You’ll learn all of the different ways you can help to solve your problem. Our regular monthly or bi-monthly pest control services **include removal of major cob webs and wasp nest** so your home or business will always look its best. By using this information, you and your family can truly enjoy a “pest-free Halloween.”

## A Snake Massage?

Are you stressed out and need to relax? Well, a very special spa in Indonesia may have exactly what you need; a snake massage.

The Bali Heritage Reflexology and Spa Rooms, located in Jakarta, offers a unique massage treatment which involves having several pythons placed on the customer’s body. They say that the movement of the snakes and the adrenaline triggered by fear will have a positive impact on the customer’s metabolism.

There is no need to worry because all of the reptiles are said to be non-venomous.

You’ll be happy to learn that the spa not only offers snake massages, but also places scampering mice and rats on people’s feet to help relieve the stress of the day.

Some critics are skeptical about the spa’s claims. They say that when a person is faced with a stressful situation, such as being covered in snakes, this may cause an increase in heart rate, elevate blood pressure and boost energy supplies. So, a person using this type of therapy may actually be left feeling on edge rather than relaxed.

We’re getting close to Halloween and everyone is looking for ways to have fun at their parties. If you really want to impress everyone this year, why not offer your friends a snake massage or a rodent foot treatment? Believe me, they will never forget your party. They may also never come back! 😊

## Robotic Birds

Birds are beautiful creatures. But if you work in aviation, waste management or agriculture, you know birds can be a very tough problem to deal with. That is because birds can endanger airline passenger safety by damaging aircraft, spreading disease or ruining crops.

A Dutch company named Clear Flight Solutions has responded to these concerns by creating "Robirds" which limits bird nuisance.

These remote controlled Robirds mimic real falcons and eagles to scare other birds. They are amazing to watch because they fly and flap their wings to stay in the air, just like a real bird.

Their birds are 3D printed using glass fiber and nylon composite material. These lightweight materials are so strong that they can be crashed into the ground without breaking.

The birds are painted to make them look as realistic as possible and come in two models.

The falcon robot has a body length of 23 inches and a wingspan of 47 inches. The larger eagle is twice as long and has a wingspan of 86 inches.

These birds are just as intimidating to birds as the real birds. After a couple of flights, the bird population understands that they are living in a dangerous situation and will take their business elsewhere.

Clear Flight Solutions believes their mechanical birds are the only bird control system and not a bird scare system. With them they can:

- Remove birds and herd them in the desired direction.
- They do not scatter bird colonies.
- They can block migrating birds.
- Birds will not develop habituation the way they do with flashing lights, scare crows or sound emitting devices.
- They have a lasting effect by

creating a habitat of a bird of prey.

- They cover large areas effectively.
- Nesting by birds is prevented.
- They also represent a natural method of bird control which reduces stress in birds.

There are so many places where this new technology can be applied and the benefits to all will be tremendous.

## President's Economic Stimulus Plan

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:

- Amit Patel of Anaheim referred us to Falgun Patel of Buena Park.
- Tim Gaskell of Westminster recommended our service to Lloyd Lamkin of Westminster.
- Michael McAllister of Rancho Santa Margarita referred our services to Vikram Bojjam of Lake Forest.
- Eric Garcia of Costa Mesa referred us to Bryan Mermillied of Costa Mesa.
- Jennifer Harrington of San Juan Capistrano referred our services to Lisa Hriciga of San Juan Capistrano.

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!

## Fun Facts About Pumpkins!

Halloween will be on Friday, October 31<sup>st</sup> this year. Here are some fun facts about pumpkins:

- The name pumpkin originated from "pepon" – the Greek word for "large melon."
- In the United States, 90% of all pumpkins are grown in Illinois.
- Pumpkins are 90 percent water.
- The U.S. produces about 1.5 billion pounds of pumpkins per year.
- Colonist sliced off pumpkin tops; removed seeds and filled the insides with milk, spices and honey. This was baked in hot ashes and is the origin of pumpkin pie.
- The largest "official" pumpkin ever grown weighed 1,340 pounds!
- Pumpkins are primarily grown for processing. A small percentage is grown for ornamental sales through you-pick farms, farmer's market and retail sales.
- The largest pumpkin pie ever made was over five feet in diameter and weighed over 350 pounds. To make it, they used 80 pounds of cooked pumpkin, 36 pounds of sugar, 12 dozen eggs and it took six hours to bake.
- Native Americans flattened strips of pumpkins, dried them and made mats.
- Eighty percent of the pumpkin supply in the U.S. is available in October.
- Pumpkins originated in Central America.
- Pumpkin flowers are edible.
- Pumpkins are used as animal feed.
- Native Americans used pumpkin seeds for food and medicine.
- Pumpkins were once recommended for removing freckles and curing snake bites.
- Pumpkins contain potassium and Vitamin A.

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## "Poop" In Your Sushi Rice?

**California is the sushi capital of the world and diners here are now learning that there may be "poop" in their sushi rice.**

A class-action has been filed claiming that rice in California may have been tainted with black mold, rodent droppings and other undesirable substances. The lawsuit claims that "defendants store and maintain rice in such a fashion as to allow foreign substances such as insects, rodents and their soiling, bird remains, and black mold to be present in its processed rice."

Restaurants and stores say in the complaint that they purchased what was claimed to be sushi-grade rice, however, the attorney representing the case says what they actually purchased may have contained only as much as 15 percent sushi-grade rice. The attorney went on to say, "Every single person who has been to a sushi restaurant in the last few years probably has had contact with this kind of rice."

"The rice is adulterated with what's called flush in this industry," said the attorney. "And flush in the industry is anything that is not supposed to be in the rice."

"Disposing flush rice by blending it with food-grade rice unfairly allowed defendants to obtain a profit from rice that could not be legally sold for human consumption," the complaint states.

The Farmer's Rice Cooperative rejected the accusations, saying: "We believe the charges are baseless and look forward to the opportunity to vindicate ourselves in court."

Personally, I like eating sushi and none of us really knows if what this case claims is true. In the meantime, I think I'll order some fish and a salad the next time I go out to one of these restaurants.



"Termite" Terry Singleton