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Ten Tips To Keep Your Home Pest-Free

It looks like we are going to have a very long, hot summer in 2015 and many Orange County homeowners are already seeing a high number of insects and rodents around their homes. None of us wants to live in a home infested with insects and rodents because these pests can cause a great deal of damage. They can also be serious vectors of disease.

In the past, when homeowners encountered pest problems, many of them would simply go down to the hardware store and buy some of that smelly stuff and spray it everywhere 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 unnecessarily exposed to pesticides. But, we also know that we don’t want bugs inside our homes. This can be a very frustrating dilemma for many of you.

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 Keep Your Home Pest-Free

1. **Guard against importing pests** by checking incoming items for “hitchhiking” bugs. Many types of

pests can be brought in with luggage, clothing 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.

2. **Keep all plants and trees cut back** away from your home. You should cut all trees back at least 4 feet from your home and make sure that none of the tree branches are left hanging over your roof. This one simple step can be an effective control measure and will discourage pests from entering your home.
3. **Remove fruit bearing plants that attract insects and rodents.** You may also want to remove plants that harbor honey-dew producing insects (Fig trees, cherry laurel, bamboo, oleander, etc.). Honey-dew is very attractive to ants.
4. **Clean up leaf piles and debris** from around your home. By doing this, you will eliminate a lot of pest harborage.
5. **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.
6. **Keep firewood off the ground and store it away from your home.** Also, check for pests before bringing firewood inside your home.
7. **Inspect the screens on your doors and windows** and

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75 Years Ago . . .

On May 15, 1940, Richard and Maurice Mc Donald opened their first restaurant in San Bernardino, California. Today, Mc Donald’s serves about 68 million customers daily in 119 countries.

A Quote From Orson Welles

“The notion of directing a film is the invention of critics – the whole eloquence of cinema is achieved in the editing room.”

Orson Welles, born May 5, 1915

Rave Reviews!

"I had flying bugs which I thought were termites. Erik (who was very professional and personable) came out and he said they were definitely not termites and that I should talk to the pest control expert. I spoke with Cameron on the phone. She is a very pleasant and helpful employee. I made an appointment for a time that was convenient for me. David came out, did an evaluation of the exterior of my house and made a recommendation. I was under no pressure to proceed. I paid for the service and so far my pests are gone. I recommend this company. It's local and not some big conglomerate."

Cynthia Best
Costa Mesa

"I just finished having my house and garage tented and subterranean termite work completed. Everyone at the company including Erik and the office coordinator were very professional and helpful."

"They weren't the cheapest estimate I got but I felt that it was the most thorough and professional."

Debbie Marsteller
Costa Mesa

"Thank you so much for a job well done. Also, a special thanks to Skip Haffke for his step-by-step help of the process. His good and calm advice was extremely helpful."

"Thanks again for your good work on our home. We would not hesitate to recommend you service to family, friends and neighbors."

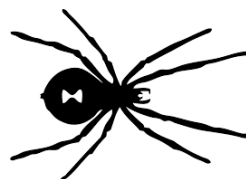
Jim & Heidi Coulson
Costa Mesa

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. **Control excess moisture.** This is a very important step because water is like a magnet for insect and rodent problems. Check for plumbing leaks, roof leaks and leaky rain gutters. Also, check for clogged rain gutters. 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.
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 and need help? **Call us at (949) 631-7348** and we'll be happy to schedule an appointment at your convenience.



Truck Wreck Leaves Highway Buzzing With Bees

On April 17th, a truck carrying a load of 458 hives rolled over on Interstate 5 and scattered nearly 14 million bees across the highway.

State highway officials said the truck was merging onto Interstate 5 when the driver lost control and hit a guardrail. The truck's driver claims that a blown tire caused the crash. Investigators are looking into whether speed was an issue.

Beekeepers arrived at the crash scene and used smoke to calm the bees and got them back into their boxes. They were able to save 128 hives before dawn. Once the sun came up and temperatures started to rise, the bees became agitated and fire fighters had no choice but to cover the bees with a thick layer of firefighting foam.

Construction equipment was later brought in to scoop up the remaining boxes of bees. The value of the lost bees was estimated to be as much as \$90,000.



Beekeepers routinely rent their hives for crop pollination and with different regions requiring bees at different times, it is common for bees to be shipped from one farm to another. Drivers travel mostly at night, when bees are less active.

"The bees were likely coming from California before Sunnyside," said Mark Emrich, President of the Washington State Beekeepers Association. "After California, they work their way north to do fruits, bush berries and vegetables."

Bee colonies are very difficult to recover because the entire hive must stay intact, with the queen, worker bees and attendant bees. Emrich said, "The ones (hives) on the outside and split open on the road: that's just done. You can't unring the bell."

Goldfish Threatening Lake In Colorado

Wildlife officials in Colorado believe someone dumped four or five pet goldfish in a Boulder lake about two years ago. These few non-native goldfish have now multiplied to between three and four thousand in number and are threatening the entire aquatic ecosystem of the lake.

Jennifer Churchill, a spokesperson with Colorado Parks and Wildlife said, "Dumping your pets into a lake could bring diseases to native animals and plants as well as out-compete them for resources. Everything can be affected. Non-native species can potentially wipe out the fishery as we've put it together."

"Fish that are native to the lake that are now being threatened by the invasive goldfish include channel catfish, blue gill fish and sun fish," Churchill said.

Officials with Colorado Parks and Wildlife are considering two solutions to this problem – electro shocking the fish or draining the lake.

Trying to shock the fish would be very labor intensive, expensive, and inefficient since catching them all would be next to impossible.

Draining the lake would kill the goldfish as well as the native fish. The lake would then have to be restocked at a considerable cost.

There a number of other examples in our country of the devastation that can be caused by the careless release of non-native fish, animals and plants into a different ecosystem.

We all need to work together to protect our environment. Cats, dogs, fish and other pets should never be released into the wild. It is also important to remember that all plants should be purchased locally, not dug up and transported from other regions.

The President's Economic Stimulus Plan

Our nation's economy is still not doing as well as it should. Are our political leaders going to keep their promises and make changes? No one knows, and that is why President Termite Terry is going to continue with his highly successful economic stimulus plan. Here are just a few of your fellow citizens who have benefited recently:

- Gina Hearne of Newport Beach referred us to Whitney Baderian of Newport Beach.
- Lyle Gowley of Lake Forest had Rita Barrow of Lake Forest call us.
- Rosa Alcala of Santa Ana suggested our services to Rick Thomkins of Santa Ana.
- Kristen Van Driel of Orange recommended our services to Sylvia Sanchez of Orange.
- Meg Larson of Foothill Ranch referred us to Carol Larson of Newport Beach.
- Gary and Cindy Wilson of Trabuco Canyon gave our name to Wayne Caballero of Anaheim.

Those who referred us will receive a **FREE \$50 Gas Card!** Gina Hearne and Kristen Van Driel are on a regular pest control service plan and instead of getting a gas card, they can have their next service done for **FREE**.

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!**

Remembering The Civil War

The American Civil War was fought from 1861 to 1865 and it ultimately answered two questions:

1. Whether the United States was to be a dissolvable confederation of sovereign states or an indivisible nation with a sovereign national government.
2. Whether this nation, born of a declaration that all men were created with an equal right to liberty, would continue to exist as the largest slaveholding country in the world.

Abraham Lincoln was elected as the first Republican president in 1860 and he won on a platform pledging to keep slavery out of the territories. Seven slave states then seceded and formed a new nation, the Confederate States of America. President Lincoln's administration and most of the people in the north, refused to recognize the legitimacy of the secession. They were concerned that it would discredit democracy and would eventually break the United States up into several small countries.

The event that started the Civil War was when the Confederate Army opened fire on Fort Sumter in Charleston Bay on April 12, 1861. The soldiers at the fort were forced to lower the American flag in surrender. Lincoln called on the militia to suppress this "insurrection". It was at this time that four more slave states seceded and joined the Confederacy. By the end of 1861, more than a million men were fighting.

Over 600,000 Union and Confederate soldiers died during the four years of combat and much of the South's infrastructure was destroyed.

On April 9, 1865, General Robert E. Lee surrendered to General Ulysses S. Grant. The war ended with the capture of the Confederate president, Jefferson Davis, on May 10, 1865.

With Lincoln's leadership and the efforts of the Union Army, we remained an indivisible nation with a sovereign government and slavery was abolished.

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Kraft Foods Dumps The Dye!

Kraft Foods announced that starting in 2016, their Original Kraft Macaroni & Cheese sold in the U.S. will no longer be made with artificial preservatives or synthetic colors.

Kraft says they will replace synthetic colors, including Yellow 5 and Yellow 6. They are now going to use colors made with paprika, annatto and turmeric.

The controversy over the safety of using artificial food colors has been going on for years. The subject really got attention after the University of Southampton, in the U.K., published a study in 2007 suggesting there was a link between six food dyes and hyperactivity in children. The study claims that changes in behavior can be detected in three-year-old and eight-year-old children who consume tartrazine (Yellow 5), sunset yellow (Yellow 6), quinoline yellow, carmoisine, allura red, and ponceau 4R.

Consumers have been pressuring companies to simplify ingredients on food labels and on menus. Companies, such as Nestle, Hershey and Frito-Lay have all announced they are taking steps to remove artificial dyes from their products.

Officials at Kraft said the move was not related to pressure from activists and claimed they have been working on the changes for more than three years.

Lynne Galia, a spokeswoman for Kraft Foods said, “Our loyal fans told us they don’t want their Kraft Mac & Cheese to look or taste different. We’ve worked hard so the new recipe will have the same look and taste that people know and love from the iconic box.”

Well, this looks like good news for consumers. No one knows for sure if getting rid of these artificial colors will have an impact on public health. But, if there are natural color alternatives available, why not go with a safe bet instead of taking a chance?



“Termite” Terry Singleton