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## DO INSECTS AND ANIMALS DAMAGE RESIDENTIAL HOMES

As we transition into warmer weather, it's not just us humans who are excited to enjoy the outdoors. Insects and animals also come out of hibernation and become active again. Unfortunately, some of these critters can cause damage to our homes. In this newsletter, we'll be discussing how to tell if your home has been damaged and how to prevent it from happening.

Another common pest that can cause damage to homes is rodents. Mice and rats can gnaw on wood, insulation, and even electrical wires, causing potential fire hazards. Signs of rodent infestations include droppings, gnawed wood or wires, and scratching sounds coming from inside walls or attics. To prevent rodent infestations, it's important to seal any cracks or holes in your home's exterior and keep your living space clean and clutter-free. Other insects that can cause damage to your home include carpenter ants, which can tunnel through wood, and bees, which can create hives in walls or attics.

It's important to have any suspected insect infestations inspected by a professional to determine the best course of action for treatment and prevention.

To prevent damage from insects and animals, it's important to keep your home clean and clutter-free, seal any cracks or holes in your home's exterior, and keep vegetation trimmed away from your home's foundation. Regular inspections by a professional exterminator can also help detect and prevent infestations before they become a larger problem.

We hope this newsletter has been helpful in educating you on the potential damage insects and animals can cause to your home and how to prevent it from happening. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact us.

**Question:** What kind of insects and animals can damage residential homes?

**Answer:** Several insects and animals can potentially cause damage to residential homes. Common culprits include termites, carpenter ants, rodents (such as rats and mice), raccoons, squirrels, and birds.

**Question:** How can I prevent insect and animal damage to my home?

**Answer:** To prevent insect and animal damage, consider these steps:

- a) Seal any cracks or openings in the exterior of your home.
- b) Keep your home clean and free of food debris that may attract pests.
- c) Trim tree branches and shrubs away from your house.
- d) Install screens on windows and vents.
- e) Store firewood away from your home, as it can attract insects and rodents.



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One of the most common culprits of home damage is termites. These tiny insects can cause significant damage to wood structures and even lead to structural failure if left untreated. Signs of termite damage include soft, hollow-sounding wood, mud tubes along the foundation of your home, and discarded wings near windowsills or doors. If you notice any of these signs, it's important to call a professional exterminator to assess the situation and prevent further damage.

### Tool of The Week

**Electronic Ultrasonic Pest Repeller:** Electronic ultrasonic pest repellers are popular tools used to deter a wide range of pests, including insects and small animals, from residential homes. These devices emit high-frequency sound waves that are unpleasant to pests but are typically inaudible to humans.



### Product of The Week

**Termite Monitoring Systems:** Install termite monitoring systems around your home to detect termite activity early. These systems consist of monitoring stations that can alert you to the presence of termites, allowing for prompt action.

