



Bug ID Chart for the Family

Not all bugs are bad - many of them are helpful, but here is a short list of ones you should watch for and give us a call to help you control them.

Biting or Stinging Bugs



Brown Recluse Spider:
Loxosceles reclusa

Watch out for this **poisonous** yet rarely seen spider with the violin* on it's head. (**the not always easy to see) This shy, brown spider seeks quiet, dark places.



Wasp: *Vespula, Vespa* or *Dolichovespula* species

Wasps are helpful in the garden by pollinating flowers and killing plant-eating bugs but beware of their sting!



Common Cat Flea:
Ctenocephalides felis

Don't be mistaken by the name, this flea can be found on any pet or person! They can carry disease, cause allergies, and host tapeworms which can be injected by animals as they bite them. The #1 enemy of your much loved pets.

Brown Dog Tick:
Rhipicephalus sanguineus

This tick has a different head than the "Lone Star tick" but it does the same job - sucking blood from it's mammal host. Sometimes birds become hosts to tick pupae, too. They can carry serious diseases with long-term effects.



Fireant: *Solenopsis invicta* Buren

An invader to our country, this ant is reddish brown in color and very aggressive*. Its proven to be a worthy adversary to everything in its path but the professional industry now has methods of eliminating them - so don't hesitate to call us for reinforcement! (*bite can cause a reaction)



Bad House & Yard Bugs



Subterranean Termite:
Reticulitermes virginicus
(worker)

Here's a little bug with a devastating appetite...eating up your home bite by bite. They are light in color with a slight yellowish-orange tint to their heads. They are attracted to moisture and by the time you see one it might be too late to avoid serious damage. Be proactive in protecting your home from them!



Cockroach:
Periplaneta fuliginosa

You're probably acquainted with this neighbor already. Besides just being creepy, they also can destroy your textiles, books, pantry and paper goods. Did you know roaches can carry diseases and cause allergies, too? Extreme weather brings them inside your home. Call us to remove their welcome mat.



Grub Worm:
Coleoptera: Scarabaeidae
(June Beetle larvae)

Like all babies, they like to eat. And your yard is the object of their affection. Grubs eat the roots of your turf and plant material causing the yard to turn yellow and die.



Silverfish:
Iespisma sacchrina (Linnaeus)

Chewing pests that prefer dried carbs and proteins like those found in your pantry: flour, paper and — even glue.



Chinch Bug:
Blissus leucopterus hirtus

Tiny black, 1/5" bugs (and their yet smaller red nymphs) will destroy a yard quickly so watch for early signs of a target-shaped patch and avoid their bullseye.

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