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Bugging Out

Q U A R T E R L Y Newsletter

Leaves are Falling & Autumn's calling...



A cool daytime breeze & chilly nights are just around the corner... Autumn is almost HERE! And while you may think the change in seasons means the end of all insects- you are sadly mistaken! Insects are just as active in the chillier months- with animals and rodents even more so! If you don't have our popular **Home Protection Plan** - which provides routine quarterly maintenance for all insects and rodents- along with routine inspections for animal nesting sites- it may be time to learn more & protect your home!

Home Protection Plan



The **Home Protection Plan** is our most inclusive program- dedicated to preventing, controlling & resolving any insect or rodent issue. On every **QUARTERLY** visit- we seal entry points, surface cracks & holes along the foundation to prevent rodent infiltration; we wipe down spider webs; check the termite monitors installed around the home to make sure there is no activity; and perform a full barrier treatment along your home's foundation to protect against insect infestation. You have **FREE** emergency service in between quarterly visits. Mice, Spiders, Ants, Bees/Wasps, Roaches, Silverfish, Crickets & More are covered under this program!

The **Home Protection Plan** is designed for year long maintenance to prevent long-term infestation to your home. In the fall, we strongly focus on applying a residual barrier around the foundation of your home from insects that are looking to create nesting sites in cracks, crevices & the interior of your home. Contrary to popular belief, insects don't die in the cooler months. Most insects look for shelter from the cold, a food/water source and a place to lay dormant before the winter. Among the most common active insects in the fall- are Crickets, Stinkbugs, and Spiders.

Control the Crickets!



Field Crickets

Late Summer-Early Fall is when adult crickets become especially abundant in homes & commercial buildings. They are nuisance pests that don't cause damage or usually bite, but can invade your home.



Cave Crickets

Cave Crickets will enter your home in the fall, laying eggs at a rapid pace that will hatch in the spring. Cave Crickets are also nuisance pests that don't cause damage or usually bite, but can invade your home and spread fecal matter on surfaces.



A Mouse? Not in YOUR House!

As summer draws to a close, you may want to start thinking about proofing your home for mice!

WHY? When summer transitions into fall, mice begin to seek shelter in warm & protected areas. Since the Fall brings cooler weather & harsher conditions, mice will instinctually find an area to hide out, bring their young to safety & nest.

WHERE? The most common places around the home that can provide shelter for mice include attics, basements, crawlspaces, & garages.

HOW? Mice look for entry points & vulnerabilities around your home. They can fit into very small spaces. This includes surface cracks, crevices & holes; broken or open vents; openings around A.C. unit lines; and more. They can also chew entry points along the siding of your home!

WHEN? Mice are active all-year long. But as the cooler weather starts to creep in- your home offers food, warmth & protection. When steps are taken to prevent this from happening- it can help avoid long term infiltration.



WHAT can Bugging Out do to help!?

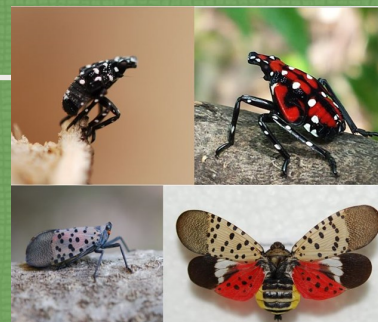
What pulls us apart from other companies in this industry? We pride ourselves on doing it the **CORRECT WAY** by using a variety of different equipment to seal entry points around the home- to prevent mice from returning. We set old-fashioned snap traps in various places we know mice like to travel & come for consistent follow-up visits to check traps, rebait them, & remove any dead mice we find- until we are confident that the issue is resolved!

The idea behind sealing entry points- is preventing anything on the outside from getting in & anything on the inside from getting out. Without open entry for mice to travel & find a water/food source outside, the mice will be attracted to the bait on the traps & be caught! Our **Home Protection Plan** promises consistent quarterly maintenance to make sure all sealed entry points remain in tact- and to seal any new entry points from the previous visit.

Spotted Lantern-Fly... BE GONE!

Spotted Lantern-Flies... we've all heard of this invasive species and **NOW** might be the time to protect your home. This plant-hopper causes severe damage to Fruits, ornamentals and woody trees by feeding on sap, tissue & impeding photosynthesis. Bugging Out's **NEW** Spotted Lantern Fly Program can help control/reduce the amount you see & prevent long term damage.

Our Three-pronged Treatment plan can help kill the eggs and prevent Spotted Lantern Flies from taking up shop on your property! Call us **NOW** at **201-666-2847 (BUGS)** for more information!





Hey... They weren't invited to Thanksgiving Dinner!

It's time to take preemptive measures for unwanted house guests!

Are you hearing strange noises in your attic? Thumping? Scattering? Is there a dance party going on up there? Most likely not. Raccoons, Grey Squirrels, & Flying Squirrels are the most likely culprits.

In an effort to escape the cooler temperatures & find warmth during the fall & winter months- these animals will find exterior vulnerabilities around your home. Grey Squirrels & Flying Squirrels can even chew through sidings, roofs & eaves! Raccoons are expert climbers and can rip apart shingles on the roof to obtain entry. Other alternative entry points include soffits, gable vents and attic vents.

WHAT can Bugging Out do to help!?

Bugging Out offers many different methods of exclusion work. 'Exclusion' is just a fancy pest control term for the process of identifying entry points & extracting the animal from the home or area they are inhabiting.

One Way Tunnels are an effective method for getting rid of smaller animals like Squirrels. We will screw the tunnel around the entry point & wait for the animal to forage for food & nesting material. When they leave- they have no idea that a trap door shuts behind them! When they return- they are locked out & find another place to inhabit! We will return after an allotted time once we are confident that the issue is resolved- to remove the tunnel & seal the entry point with excluder equipment- preventing the animal from entering again!



Cages and Traps are another effective way of removing unwanted animals from your home! While we prefer to humanely catch larger animals in cages- Flying Squirrels and rodents sometimes require larger snap traps, called T-Rex traps. We, as the professionals, will make a determination on what exclusion method is best for your specific situation.

If we perform a Trap & Relocate exclusion job, we use a specific type of bait in the cage to attract the animal to it. We come out for consistent daily follow-up visits to check the cage & relocate the animal if it is caught. If any entry point needs to be sealed- we will do so once we are confident that the issue is resolved.

If we perform an exclusion job that requires T-Rex snap traps, we will place them in the area of concern to capture the animal that makes its way into the home. We bait the traps, come for consistent follow-up visits to rebait and remove any dead squirrels that are caught- until we are confident that the issue is resolved.





We LOVE Fall, y'all...



Every year, all of us at Bugging Out love to celebrate the fall! We decorate the outside of our home with fall decor & pumpkins galore! TJ and Chris are particularly fond of Halloween- and all of the scary fun that comes with it!



Happy Birthday Randy!

Randy, our technician, celebrates his birthday on September 9th!

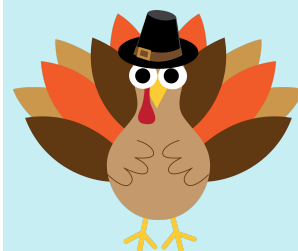


Happy Birthday Anthony!

Anthony, our technician supervisor, celebrates his birthday on September 22nd!



Witches, Witches, Skeletons & bats, great big pumpkins & big black cats!
Happy Halloween!



Happy Thanksgiving to you & yours from all of us here at Bugging Out! We are thankful for ALL of you!



Meet our Newest Technician, Steve!

Steve comes to us with a background in construction work- working on big jobs such as Yankees stadium and the Freedom tower in New York City. Growing up, he always wanted to be an entomologist and has always been interested in insects. He is excited to provide excellent customer care to all of Bergen County!