

CHOOSING THE RIGHT  
**PEST CONTROL COMPANY**  
FOR YOUR RESIDENTIAL SERVICES



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PEST SERVICES

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## Introduction

It goes without saying that pests annoy, and worse of all they can harbor certain pathogens which can harm you and your family. There are many pests of which homeowners can undertake “do it yourself” pest control. Unfortunately there are situations that can be best handled by professional pest control services, such as the case with bed bug and termite infestations. Some homeowners will simply take the easier route of hiring professional pest control services, which is ideally the best route to take.

Insecticides are toxic chemicals, and you wouldn’t want to handle them without proper knowledge, training and experience.



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# CHAPTER 1

## REASONS TO CONSIDER A PEST CONTROL COMPANY

Hiring an experienced and professional pest control company can pose several benefits when compared to carrying out an assault on spiders, bed bugs, termites and rodents on your own. Such a company will have trained and licensed technicians who fully understand how to handle and where to treat infestations. If you are looking to treat your older home or protect a new one, you should consider using a pest control company.

### Specialized Plans

Your home is your pride and joy, and protecting it against unwanted invaders means having the best protection. When you call up a pest control company to win back your home, they create specialized plans to suit your specific pest problem. They consider the size of your home, level of infestation and come up with long-term prevention strategies. You'll also have the option of doing pre-treatments on a new home, perimeter treatment to fend off bugs and emergency services to treat nests and hives. Extermination technicians will continue monitoring your home, and show you the exact treatment areas and any areas that may need structural improvement.

### Cost

Paying regular upfront fees can add up and cost a couple of hundred dollars a year. However, it may cost you thousands of dollars in home repairs if carpenter ant colonies or termites go unnoticed. You may not have the necessary skills to spot the signs of termites or carpenter ants. Pest control companies will know the exact signs to look for, and the cost of such services is a mere drop in the ocean compared to repairing lengthened termite damage.

## Hazard

Pest control exterminators are well trained to know how different products work, and where to place them inside and outside of your home. Many pest control companies are shifting towards green, and are using environmentally friendly products. Should the need arise to use hazardous chemicals, especially for hardcore pests, professional exterminators will have the necessary expertise to use them safely.

## Time and Flexibility

No homeowner wants to take time off to sit around waiting for the “bug guy,” and this is something pest control companies are well aware of that’s why most companies will be willing to work around your schedule. If you request a price quote or free inspection for a service, you’ll discover that most pest control companies work past sunset and during weekends.



## CHAPTER 2

### WHAT TO EXPECT FROM A PEST CONTROL COMPANY

Partnering with the right pest control company is a crucial decision that businesses and homeowners all face. For any company that interacts with its customers within a physical establishment, the need to maintain a clean environment is important, especially with regard to unwanted pests. If a pest control company makes a number of mistakes in its pest control efforts, it can result in loss of business. For instance, media outlets love reporting about findings of insects and rodents in established restaurants and hotels.

#### This is what you can expect from the best pest control company:

**1. Service Guarantee** – The best pest control company should clearly state which pests they will control within their regular service agreement as well as outline those which will require additional services. The company should be able to furnish you with a price list for exterminating pests that are not covered in their regular service agreement, so that you don't get any surprises later on. Make sure that you understand any service fees associated with call back appointments as well as service guarantees.

**2. Communication** – Communication with your pest control company is essential and necessary for an effective service. Keep a pest log book so you can communicate effectively with your technician regarding problems as well as keep record of what actions have been undertaken. Your pest control technician should regularly check your home before and after each service.

**3. Security** – Each and every technician should wear recognizable uniforms that clearly define the pest control company servicing your home. The company should also be able to provide you with photos of the staff that will be working at your home, and their form of identification. Pest control companies should also be able to perform thorough background checks on their staff, so that you can feel at ease with them in your home.

**4. Knowledgeable** – A reputable and reliable pest control company should have some in-house evaluation and training procedures in place. Your company should be certified and have the necessary credentials to carry out that kind of job in your home. Choosing a company that has extensive evaluation and in-house training programs will have the best prepared and knowledgeable staff to combat your pest problems.

**5. Dependable** – A residential pest control company must be reliable and dependable. Technicians must be able to show up on time and get the job done in the best possible manner. They should comprehensively explain what chemicals they will use and what steps will be undertaken to complete the job.

**6. Treatment** – The technician should be able to perform the job based on the Integrated Pest Management (IPM) approach.

**7. Follow ups if required** – For tough pests like bed bugs, extermination cannot be achieved after one procedure. Your technician will inform you if any further services will be required as well as follow ups if necessary.

## **CHAPTER 3**

### **TIPS FOR CHOOSING THE RIGHT PEST CONTROL COMPANY**

When there's a pest problem in your home, you will want to know that you're getting the best professional service you need. You expect nothing but the best service, and you need the issue taken care of in the most efficient and quickest way possible.

With dozens of Pest Control companies to choose in your area, how do you pick the right one?

- 1.** How long has that company been in business? Experience and longevity are two essential factors to providing unyielding pest services.
- 2.** Find out if your pest control company has adequate experience handling problems like yours. Some companies specialize in dealing with certain types of problems, and you'll want one that's proficient in dealing with your type of problem.
- 3.** Obtain references or check out companies online reviews. There's no substitute for this, go for a company that has excellent references from friends and family who have previously used it. Reading independent reviews can also help.
- 4.** Find out if the company is licensed and well trained, and if their field personnel are undergoing any external or internal training in relation to their type of work.
- 5.** Look and find out if the company provides any guarantees. If the company specializes in termite control, you'll want to find out if they carry liability insurance in case the problem doesn't go away.
- 6.** Check with organizations like the Better Business Bureau to see if any complaints have been lodged against the company. The state in which you reside will have a similar list.

7. Make sure that your chosen pest control company abides to Integrated Pest Management protocols. Do a bit of research on the chemicals they use and how they will be administered in and around your home. In most cases, you'll want to use limited amounts and distribution. Keep in mind that warmer climates require extensive usage.
8. Find out how often treatment will be repeated as well as the number of treatments covered in the contract.
9. For contracts involving termites, find out when the re-inspections will take place. Study the treatment solutions and the chemicals used, get a copy of the product labels.

Depending on the kind of pests, your pest control company should always carry out services as stipulated in the Agreement. If something is not in print, don't expect anything more to be done. Make sure that you fully understand every aspect of the Agreement before putting pen to paper. If you have any questions, feel free to ask.



## **CHAPTER 4**

### **BENEFITS OF HIRING A PEST CONTROL COMPANY**

One obvious benefit of hiring a pest control company is eliminating unwanted insects and rodent guests in your home.

Below is a list of benefits of hiring a pest control company

#### **1. Using Fewer Pesticides**

Homeowners will most definitely apply inappropriate or excessive amounts of insecticide than professionals. A large number of DIY exterminators misapply toxins. This can be hazardous to your health and home environment. A professional service will only use toxins and pesticides as a last resort and after thorough examination of the matter.

#### **2. Less Illness**

Rodent droppings and insect bites can make you and your family members ill. Even worse, when you use pesticides to eliminate unwanted pests, you can make your entire family and other domestic pets sick. A pest control company will take the necessary steps to ensure that pests are exterminated from your home without using harmful and toxic chemicals.

#### **3. Less Cleaning**

You'll have more time to focus on other aspects of your home rather than cleaning up dead rodents, bugs, pest droppings and the like. The right pest control company will eliminate pests in the most effective and tidy manner as possible.

## **4. Less Itching and Scratching**

Bites from fleas, mosquitoes, spiders and bed bugs will leave you itching and scratching for days. Your pest control company will help calm your skin nerves and offer you some relief from itching.

## **5. Better Sleep**

Did you feel a roach crawling up on you, or it was simply your imagination? Whenever there's a pest problem in your home, you're more likely to experience heebie-jeebies thinking that pests are crawling on you at night. A professional pest control company will help exterminate pests in your home to help give you the peace you need at night.

## **6. Save Money**

Certain pests like bed bugs can be resistant to insecticide. Rather than spending money on harmful chemicals that may do more harm to you than the pests, you need to get the services of a pest management expert. Such professionals know the most effective and safest methods to exterminate those pests that may seem unstoppable.

## **7. Keep your Home Safe**

Pests, especially termites that can nest or chew through wood can affect the structure of your home. When you hire a pest control company rather than trying to take matters into your own hands, you can resolve a pest infestation before it becomes very dangerous.

## **8. More Time for Yourself and Other Important Aspects**

With pests eliminated from your home, you can have more time to spend with family and go about your hobbies instead of trying to rid pests. A DIY approach may result in a failed eviction attempt, but it can be worse. Some insects may develop resistance to chemicals, making them almost impossible to eliminate. A professional pest control company will do all the work for you.

## **9. You Become a Better Educated Consumer**

Many pest control companies will be happy to come to your home, spray insecticides and leave. However, a good pest control company will provide you with detailed and important information on the kind of pests that may be hiding in your home. The company will explain their treatment method and give you tips on how to prevent future infestations.

## **10. Peace of Mind**

A pest control company will use the least amount of toxins to exterminate pest infestations from your home, leaving you with peace of mind knowing that your children and pets can play safely around your home without the danger of falling sick from chemicals.



## **CHAPTER 5**

### **WHY YOU SHOULD AVOID APPLYING TREATMENT ON YOUR OWN?**

Some DIY homeowners try preparing their own insecticides by concocting various ingredients. They simply browse the web in search for instructions to help them complete the procedure. This is not recommended, especially if you are an amateur and just starting off. Knowing which ingredients and portions to mix is one thing, but knowing which ingredients are ideal for your home and pest infestation is another. A wrong mixture will most certainly result in a catastrophe.

When they try to address pest issues, they may misapply toxins and cause more damage to both family members and pets than there already is. They may succeed in temporarily getting rid of pests, but it will only be a matter of time before the same infestation is back. To permanently get rid of an infestation problem you will need a professional and experienced service. It is better to leave this sort of work in the hands of people with experience in the field. Such professionals will know which products are better suited for your home and which are not. It's not like professionals won't also concoct and mix ingredients, but they will know the right proportions and where to distribute the pesticide.

A pest control company will make sure that your infestation problem will get resolved in the best possible time. The company may also advise you on regular treatments to apply in order to prevent pests from returning. Doing things by yourself will make you susceptible to making mistakes, and you may turn a bad situation worse. A pest control company will be fully equipped with the necessary tools and expertise to achieve better results in as little time as possible.

## **CHAPTER 6**

### **WHY SHOULD YOU HIRE A PEST CONTROL COMPANY?**

A good pest control company has the necessary equipment, pesticides and expertise to deal with pest infestation. Such a company will have excellent knowledge of what works and what doesn't. The company will visit your home and evaluate the level of infestation before creating an effective extermination plan.

The company will use natural and environmentally friendly products, and in certain exceptional cases use chemicals alongside safety measures to ensure everyone around the home remains safe. This ensures there isn't a trial and error situation which gives you immediate results. An amateur DIY exterminator may not have the necessary equipment and skill to perform such a job. They may end up wasting time trying to figure out what works and what doesn't, which will not only cause a wastage of money but also increase the potential of toxins spreading around your home.





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