



Omega Pest Management

Presents a Free
Guide:

How To Pest Proof Your Home For The Winter

While Reducing
your exposure to
pesticides

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About Our Founder



My name is Dennis Mayhew and I am the founder and owner of Omega Pest Management. I started this company because of a need in the pest control industry. The major players in pest control were quickly raising their prices while servicing jobs in less time. As a result quality and service suffered. During this time I was working in Delaware as a manager/sales person for one of these companies. I was finding it difficult to sell their services when I knew full well that they were not the company they used to be and that the mom and pop company down the street could do it cheaper and better. So after a lot of prayer and discussion, I decided to become that family owned company down the street, just in New Jersey and I started Omega Pest Management.

How To Pest Proof Your Home For The Winter

A practical guide to reducing pesticide usage within your property by utilizing mechanical alterations as a means of restricting the allowance of pest within a structure.

As we address how to pest proof your property, you should first understand what motivates insects and rodents to enter. All pests are in pursuit of their basic survival needs: food, water and shelter. Air currents may also play a large role in attracting pest to your home. Whether it be the scent of food, cool air escaping from your in the summer or warm air escaping your home in the winter. These air currents will lure the pest and they will take advantage of every opportunity to gain access into your home. Many times it may be important to think outside to the box. We will address the most common areas that you should focus. However, if time is limited, it would be useful to concentrate on the gap under a door or opening around a utility pipe because these areas mimic natural openings that attract insects and rodents into your home.

IDENTIFY THE GAPS. Knowledge is power. Knowing which openings are an invitation to pests is the first step in pest proofing your property. Some of the most common entry points include:

- Gaps around utility lines that penetrate the building. This includes cable, electric, and gas lines.
- Gaps around doors. Needless to say, the best rodent-proofed door is one in which the thresholds and jambs are built tightly against the framework of the building. Unfortunately, over time foundations shift and thus create small gaps around the doors and especially under the thresholds,
- Gaps around the basement windows or around the vents to the crawl space.
- Gaps under the first payer of siding. It is important that the siding be tight against the foundation wall.

To identify the gaps, it is important to inspect the areas that cover exterior portions of the building, including rooflines, gutters, corners, etc. Take a pencil and try it stick it into an opening leading into your property. If it fits then it need to be sealed.



Openings that are 1/4-inch high, or round openings 3/8-inch wide, will allow mice to enter, while rats can squeeze under 1/2-inch openings and through 3/4-inch-wide gaps

Make sure that the buildings exterior surface (siding, clad board, stone etc.) is firmly attached to the exterior sheathing leaving no gaps or openings.



While lying on the floor, check for light filtering under the doors. Being mindful of the thresholds, making sure that there are no gaps or openings under them. Installing door sweeps and sealing around the door and under the thresholds.



Caulk cracks around windows, doors, fascia boards, etc. Use a good quality silicone or acrylic latex caulk. Although somewhat less flexible than pure silicone, latex- type caulks clean up easily with water and are paintable. Caulks that dry clear are often easier to use than pigmented caulks since they don't show mistakes.



Are you not very handy?

Does all of this seem a little to much for you to handle?

Maybe, you just don't have the time available!

NO WORRIES!

Call OMEGA, We Can Help!

We will evaluate your property and provide you with a free no obligation quotation.

For a nonnominal fee, our professional installers will exclude the gaps and openings and we warranty the work that that we perform.



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Inspections should not be limited to just the building's exterior. Pests will travel within and between buildings through the walls, inspections should identify internal pathways as well. Knowledge of the buildings construction is extremely useful here. For example, balloon framing creates a void that runs from the sill plate to the top of the structure.

REMOVE VEGETATION. Vegetation that is in contact with a building such as shrubs touching the walls of a building, trees that overhand and touch the roof or ivy crawling up the side of a building create a bridge to that will lead to other areas and accesses that are more difficult to reach and seal.

Ideal vegetation management around your property should consist of:

- Prune branches 6 feet from the building
- Prune low-growing plants to a vase shape
- Install a vegetation free zone leaving a 2-foot band around the building where there is no vegetation against the building.

FIRE WOOD PILES. Woodpiles should never be stored up against the house or other buildings. This is because wood-boring pests can easily tunnel directly from the wood pile into the structure. By stacking wood against your home, you are inviting pests to migrate from the wood and into your home. It is recommended that firewood:

- Is stored at least 3 feet from a building
- Stack firewood off the ground. Place a substrate such as pressure treated wood onto concrete blocks or bricks to keep the wood from directly contacting the ground. Maintaining airflow beneath the pile also helps reduce moisture problems which attract insects.
- Never stack firewood indoors. Although it is very convenient, firewood should never be stored indoor. Not in the garage or the basement and definitely not on the porch. Once the wood is brought indoors and warms up, insects will emerge and they may take up residence within the structure.
- New wood that is cut in the summer should be piled in a sunny area and covered; this will help to kill off any insects that are infesting the wood.
- Practice First In/First Out. Use the oldest wood first, restacking the pile periodically if it makes it easier to access the older logs. This will help to keep pests at a minimum as you are not allowing infestations to build up.

MORE THAN RODENTS. Naturally, the concept of pest proofing applies to more than just rodent pests. Pest Proofing is the preferred method in preventing problems with overwintering insects and occasional invaders such as spiders, stink bugs, lady bugs and boxelder bugs. This is because these pests are considered a problem only after they enter the home. Pest proofing can be used to eliminate cracks and crevices that provide shelter for cockroaches and bed bugs and it will enhance the success of pest management treatments.

OMEGA CAN HELP. In today's busy world it is hard enough to find the time to take out the trash let alone pest proof the house. This is where Omega can help. Let one of our qualified installers do the work for you. For a nonnominal fee, Omega will identify the areas in need, professionally seal the openings and provide you with a warranty. Giving you the peace of mind of knowing that your home is protected.

Consider applying an exterior (barrier) treatment with insecticides. While sealing is the more permanent way to exclude pests originating from outdoors, comprehensive pest-proofing is labor-intensive and sometimes impractical. For clients requiring an alternative, pest proofing can be supplemented by an exterior treatment with an insecticide.

Homeowners will get the most for their efforts by combining a long-lasting residual insecticide treatment along with a pest proofing of their home/



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