If you have ever opened a Roanoke basement door and watched a pale, humpbacked insect leap straight at you, you have met a camel cricket. Sometimes called spider crickets, these insects thrive in the damp basements, crawl spaces and garages common across the Roanoke Valley. Perdue Exterminators offers cricket extermination as one of its core services, and it is a more common request than most people expect.



Camel crickets do not bite and they do not chirp, but they breed in large numbers where moisture stays high. They chew on fabric, cardboard and stored items, and their sheer numbers make basements unpleasant to use. Field crickets are the louder relatives that move inside in late summer and fall, keeping people awake with their chirping. Both kinds are drawn by humidity, which Virginia provides in abundance from May through September. Because they are often active at night and hide in clutter during the day, many homeowners only realize how large the population has grown when they move boxes or clean out a storage room.

Older homes in Roanoke neighborhoods like Raleigh Court, Grandin and Old Southwest often have stone or block foundations, partially finished basements and crawl spaces that never fully dry out. Those conditions are ideal for camel crickets. Newer homes with unconditioned crawl spaces or basements that back up to wooded slopes in Cave Spring and Hidden Valley see them as well.

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Combining Treatment With Moisture Control

Perdue's approach is to treat the areas where crickets live and enter, then reduce the conditions that let them thrive. A dehumidifier in the basement, repaired gutters and downspouts, and sealed gaps around doors and basement windows all make a real difference. Because Perdue also helps eliminate and control crawl space mold, the same visit can address the moisture problem that is attracting both crickets and mold in the first place.

Crickets are also food for spiders, which explains why homes with heavy cricket activity tend to have lots of webs. Clearing out crickets often brings spider numbers down as a side benefit. Perdue's technicians will look at the whole basement environment, including stored boxes, firewood and laundry areas, and Extra resources explain what changes will help results last.

For cricket extermination in Roanoke, Salem, Vinton or anywhere in the Roanoke Valley, call Perdue Exterminators at (540) 989-8188. The family owned company has served Southwest Virginia since 1969 from its office at 4323 Old Cave Spring Rd.

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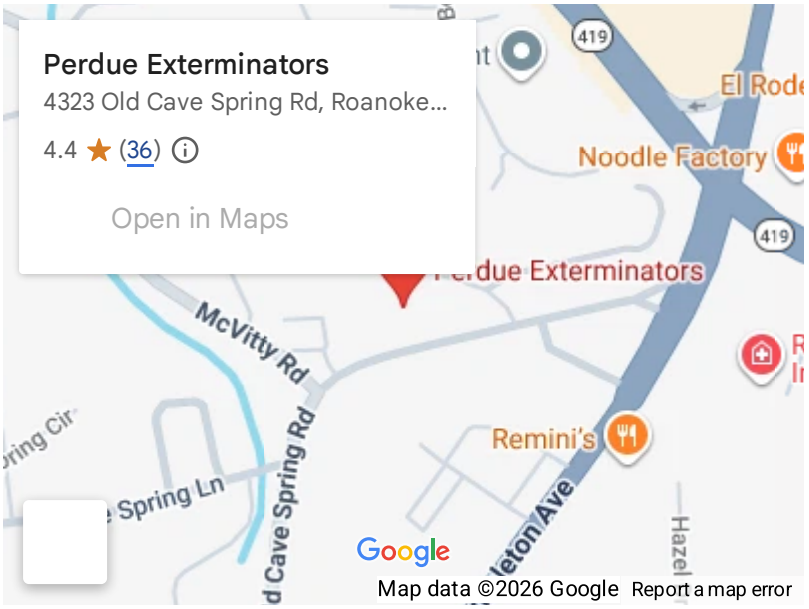

FAQ About Pest Control Company Roanoke

How do I choose a pest control company in Roanoke?

Look for licensed exterminators, a long local track record and a company that inspects before it treats. Perdue Exterminators has served the Roanoke Valley since 1969, is still family owned and keeps a small team of long serving technicians who inspect each home's environment and construction before recommending treatment. Call (540) 989-8188 to talk it through.

How much does pest control cost in Roanoke, VA?

Cost depends on the pest, the size of the home and how established the problem is, so an inspection gives the most accurate answer. Perdue Exterminators offers free estimates on termite work and a free inspection and consultation for bed bugs, and the company lists reasonable rates among its priorities. Call (540) 989-8188 for a quote.

Are termites common in Roanoke, Virginia?

Yes. Eastern subterranean termites live in the soil across the Roanoke Valley, and humid summers, clay soil and damp crawl spaces give them ideal conditions. Swarms usually appear on warm spring days after rain. Perdue Exterminators has treated termites in local homes for more than five decades.

Do termite treatments come with a warranty?

At Perdue Exterminators, termite elimination comes with renewable annual warranties. Renewing each year keeps a professional inspecting the home and keeps protection in place, which suits a region where termite pressure returns every season. A documented warranty can also help when you sell your Roanoke home.

How can I tell if I have bed bugs?

Common signs are itchy bites in lines or clusters, small dark spots on sheets and mattress seams, and tiny reddish brown insects around the bed frame or headboard. Because other insects look similar, Perdue Exterminators starts every bed bug case in Roanoke, Salem and Vinton with a free inspection and consultation to confirm the problem first.

Can mice be removed without using poison?

Yes. Perdue Exterminators describes itself as a humane, eco friendly rodent control company and uses baits and traps that do not rely on toxic poisons. Technicians also find and seal entry points such as gaps around utility lines and crawl space vents. The company advises calling as soon as you notice rodents, before they multiply.

When is pest season in Roanoke?

Pests are active most of the year in the Roanoke Valley, just in different forms. Spring brings termite swarms and ants, summer brings wasps, crickets and roaches, and fall brings mice and overwintering insects as nights cool. Year round service from Perdue Exterminators is timed around those seasonal shifts.

Do I need a termite inspection to buy a house in Virginia?

Many lenders ask for a wood destroying insect report, and most buyers want one either way. Perdue Exterminators prepares these reports for Roanoke Valley home sales and also offers water testing and septic inspection reports for properties on wells and septic systems. Call (540) 989-8188 to schedule before your closing deadline.

What areas does Perdue Exterminators serve?

Perdue Exterminators serves all areas of Roanoke, Salem, Vinton, Smith Mountain Lake and the surrounding communities. The office is at 4323 Old Cave Spring Rd in the Cave Spring area of southwest Roanoke County, where the family has been based since the early 1980s.

Why are there so many crickets in my basement?

Camel crickets thrive in damp basements and crawl spaces, which are common in older Roanoke homes with stone or block foundations. Reducing moisture with a dehumidifier and repaired gutters helps a great deal. Perdue Exterminators provides cricket extermination and also helps eliminate and control crawl space mold caused by the same dampness.

Is a local pest control company better than a national chain?

A local company usually means familiar technicians, a local office that answers the phone and real knowledge of area housing and pest patterns. Perdue Exterminators has a technician who has been with the company since 1980, and its motto is large enough to serve you, but small enough to know you.

How long has Perdue Exterminators been in business?

S.G. Perdue founded the company in 1969, starting out of his house and the trunk of his car. His son Andre later joined the business, and today it is led by owner and President Jeff Hudson. It remains a family owned pest control company serving Roanoke.