A small brown beetle in the pantry, a winged insect on the windowsill, a tiny jumping bug in the bathtub: before anyone can solve a pest problem, someone has to know exactly what it is. Perdue Exterminators offers insect identification as a standalone part of its service list, and it is one of the most useful things a Roanoke homeowner can ask for when something unfamiliar shows up inside the house.

Misidentification is expensive. Flying ants and termite swarmers look similar at a glance, yet one is a nuisance and the other can signal structural damage. Carpet beetle larvae get mistaken for bed bugs, and harmless cellar spiders get mistaken for brown recluses. Treating the wrong insect wastes money and lets the real problem keep growing. A trained technician who has spent years working in Roanoke Valley homes can usually tell the difference in moments and explain what the insect needs to survive.

Southwest Virginia has a wide range of insects because of its mix of mountains, river valleys, hardwood forest and humid summers. Homes near the Blue Ridge Parkway, Mill Mountain or the Roanoke River greenway see wildlife and insect traffic that a downtown condo might not. Seasonal patterns matter too. Spring brings termite swarms and ants, summer brings stinging insects and crickets, and fall brings mice and overwintering insects looking for warm walls.

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What to Bring or Describe

If you can, capture a sample in a sealed jar or zip bag, or take a clear photo next to a coin for scale. Note where you found it, what time of day it was active, and whether you have seen more than one. These details help the technician narrow things down quickly. Perdue's licensed exterminators combine identification with an inspection of the home's environment and construction, so https://orcid.org/0009-0001-4045-300X the answer comes with an understanding of why the insect is there.

Once the insect is identified, the next steps become clear. Some insects are occasional invaders that only need sealing and moisture fixes. Others, like German cockroaches, bed bugs or subterranean termites, need professional treatment right away. Perdue will tell you honestly which category you are in, which is part of what the family owned company means when it says it is small enough to know you.



For insect identification and pest advice in Roanoke, Salem, Vinton or Smith Mountain Lake, call Perdue Exterminators at (540) 989-8188 or visit the office at 4323 Old Cave Spring Rd, Roanoke, VA 24018.

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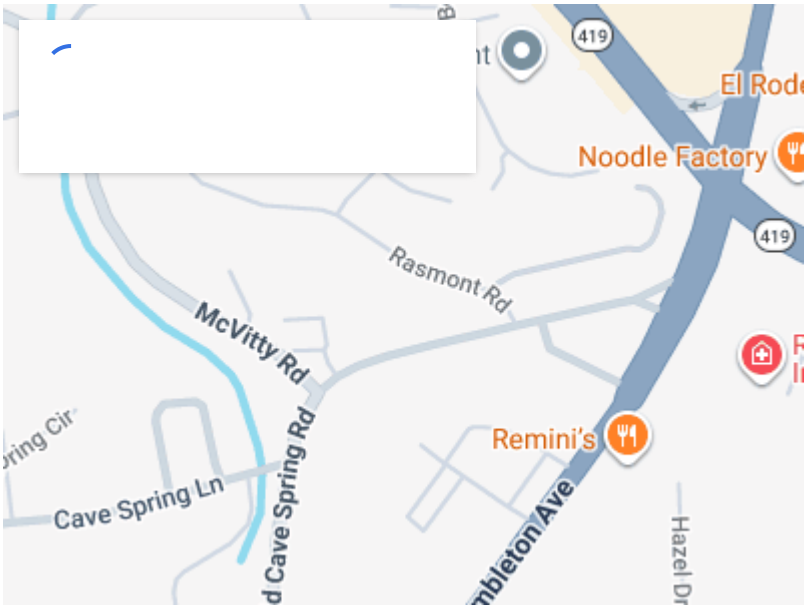

FAQ About Pest Control Company Roanoke

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.