



6 Things You Need To Learn About Wasps And How to Control A Wasp Problem



Where Do They Live?

Wasps live in nests that are typically found in roof spaces, air bricks, cavity walls, garden sheds, trees and even rockeries and flower beds.

The nest is usually constructed from chewed bark and dried timber mixed with saliva and is a light grey/beige colour with a papery appearance. If undisturbed and built in a unstricted space, the wasp nest can measure up to 90 -120cm in circumference towards the end of the summer months. A nest this size would contain between 5,000-10,000 individual wasps.

I Am Already Seeing Large Wasps In The Early Spring. Why Is This?

These are the queen wasps which have overwinter, this sometimes happens even in the late winter during warm weather. There may be several together and they build there nest at this time of year.

Can Wasps Cause Harm?

Wasps are aggressive when disturbed and will sting this is painful and may cause redness and/or swelling but a sting is not normally serious, unless you are stung around the face, mouth throat or tongue or suffer an allergic reaction to stings (know as anaphylactic shock). In these cases you should get immediate medical attention, as severe anaphylactic shock can be fatal.

I Have Found A Dead Nest. What Should I Do?

Wasps never re-use an old nest, so if you are certain that there is no activity it can simply be removed and disposed of. Any nest found during the winter will be "dead" and can be safely removed.

How Can I Get Rid Of Live Wasps' Nests?

If you have a live wasp's nest that is bothering you, then it is not essential that you destroy it. However, nest can cause problems for your neighbours, so bear this in mind when deciding what to do.

Wasps can be very aggressive and if the nest a nest is causing a nuisance then it is best treated professionally.

How Can I Get Rid Of Wasps Indoors?

Insecticidal control using fly sprays ("knock down" sprays are available at most supermarkets) is a good, almost instant, way of dealing with the problem. However always remember wasps are very aggressive when agitated so it is best left to a trained professional.

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