

A.R.T. News

Spiders

Spiders inside of the home for the most part are a nuisance to residents. On the up side, they are easily controlled. If the resident has spiders in their home, a combination of preventative sanitation and pesticides should, with attention to detail, be effective.

Sanitation must occur both inside and outside of the home. Sanitation outside of home should include: the removal of rocks, woodpiles, compost piles, old boards and other possible hiding places near the home. Caulking cracks and crevices in foundation fothe home and making sure that all of the screens and doors are sealed tight will eliminate many spider entrances. Once their hiding spaces and entrance ways outside of the home are removed, keeping spiders from moving inside of the home is much easier.

Sanitation inside of the home will not only prevent spiders, but other pest from nesting as well. Crawl spaces should be kept free of debris. Also, removing old clothes, papers, boxes and other potential hiding places from dark storage areas will help. It the resident feels necessary, spider webs may be vacuumed periodically.

Along with taking basic sanitation measures, many common household insecticide aerosols will control the occasional spider. If the resident finds that a large number of spiders are migrating into their home or it seems that the spiders are breeding within the home, then a residual pesticide is recommended. The pesticide should be sprayed around the foundation outside the home, as well as in the corners and along the baseboards of spider-infested areas inside the home.

Although spiders are feared because of myths created about them, spiders area beneficial and should be left alone. They trap and eat harmful insect, such as mosquitoes and grasshoppers.