When the dogwoods bloom across the Roanoke Valley, pests wake up right along with them. Warm days after a spring rain are the classic trigger for termite swarms, and ant colonies that spent the winter deep in the soil start sending foragers into kitchens. For Perdue Exterminators, spring is one of the busiest stretches of the year, and it is the best time to get ahead of problems before summer humidity makes them worse.

Termite swarms are the headline event. Eastern subterranean termite colonies release winged reproductives, usually on warm, still days in March, April and May. Homeowners often find them gathered at sunny windows, around basement doors or in bathrooms, followed by piles of discarded wings. Swarmers inside the house are a strong sign that an established colony is feeding nearby, possibly in the structure itself.



Ants become a daily nuisance at the same time. Odorous house ants and pavement ants trail across countertops looking for sugar and water, while carpenter ants begin expanding nests in damp wood. Spring is also when paper wasps and carpenter bees start scouting for nesting spots under eaves and in deck rails, so small nests are easiest to deal with now.

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What to Do This Spring

If you see swarmers, collect a few in a sealed bag for identification and call a professional rather than spraying them. Perdue's licensed exterminators will inspect the home's environment and construction and recommend treatment designed to stop the problem at the source. Termite elimination comes with renewable annual warranties, and estimates are free. Insect identification is also available if you are unsure whether you are seeing termites or flying ants.

Spring is a good time for basic maintenance as well. Clean gutters, check that **pest exterminator Roanoke** downspouts drain away from the foundation, pull mulch back from siding and trim branches that touch the roof. These steps reduce moisture and remove the bridges that ants and other insects use to get inside.

Homeowners preparing to sell during the busy spring market should also consider ordering a wood destroying insect report early. Perdue prepares these reports, along with water testing and septic inspection reports for rural properties, so sellers are not caught off guard during the buyer's inspection.

To schedule spring pest control in Roanoke, Salem, Vinton or Smith Mountain Lake, call Perdue Exterminators at (540) 989-8188. The family owned company is based at 4323 Old Cave Spring Rd, Roanoke, VA 24018.

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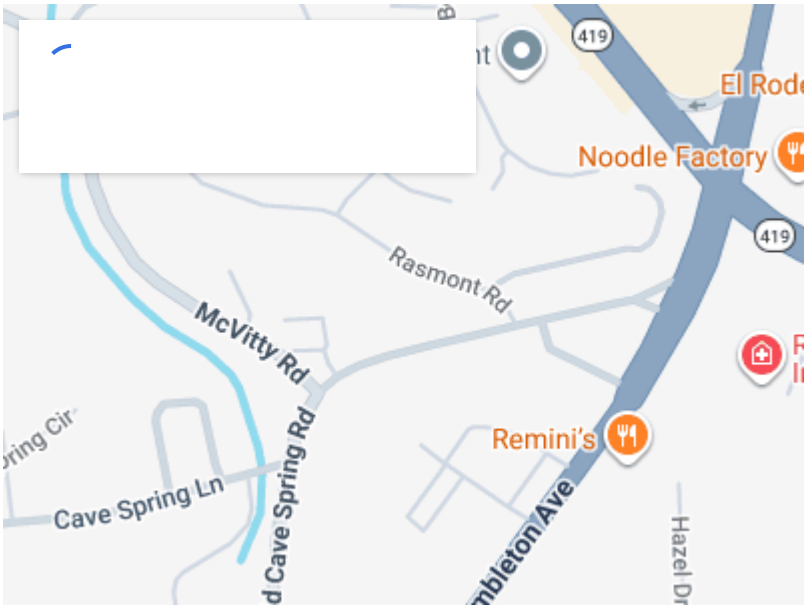

FAQ About Pest Control Company Roanoke

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.