

Wasp Information Sheet

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Introduction

Wasps are a nuisance over the summer months when they are prevalent and may nest in or around your home. The main concern is risk of being stung.

Wasp Prevention

- Seal entry points such as vents and cracks around window and doors
- Remove food sources
- Avoid swatting as this releases a chemical that attracts other wasps
- Avoid wearing bright colours and perfumes
- Line under roof areas with aluminium foil.

Wasp Treatment

The Council provide a low cost and effective treatment for wasps nests. There are two accepted methods for treating wasps as often their nests are inaccessible or hidden. Our Pest Control Technician will decide the best method to use.

Method 1 - Where the nest is visible and easy to get to, involves using an aerosol type insecticide. the nest will start to die off after 10 - 15 mins and the Pest Control Technician may then remove the nest if it is safe to do so. Wasps may still be seen in the area for some time after.

Method 2 - Where the nest is inaccessible or hidden away, the treatment involves dusting a residual insecticide powder close to the entrance of the nest. The insecticide is picked up on the body of the wasp and transferred to the nest, which under normal circumstances will die 2-3 hours later. It is often not possible to remove the nest, but wasps will not use the same nest twice.

Additional Information

- Unprotected people, children and pets should be kept away from the treated area
- Before treatment starts, windows and doors should be closed and you may wish to inform your neighbours
- Wasp activity may continue for several hours after treatment
- A safety sheet should be provided before treatment takes place.



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