



Pest Strategies

39 Point **Pest Control Checklist**

How To Use This Checklist: Go through the questions below. Mark "Yes" and "No" depending on your situation. Then at the end of the assessment, count the amount in the "Yes" column to see how you rank.

Area	Question	Yes	No	Pests Likely	Solutions
Overall site & structure	Is your house or anything surrounding your house brightly colored (Bright Yellow, Pink, etc.)?			Flies And Bees	Consider repainting objects to less vibrant colors to stop attracting bugs
Overall site & structure	Is there vegetation (bushes, plants, etc.) in or directly next to your house?			Flies, Bees, Ants, Mice	Consider removing vegetation (flowers, etc.) that might attract bugs
Roof	Are there shingles missing or damaged on your roof?			Wasps, Hornets, Ants, Termites	Consider repairing the damaged roof
Roof	Does your roof or ceiling have moisture problems?			Wasps, Hornets, Ants, Termites	Consider repairing the damaged roof
Roof	Are the gutters clogged on your roof?			Wasps, Hornets, Ants, Termites	Consider getting your gutters cleaned
Roof	Is there any damage to the wood in or around your roof?			Termites	Consider repairing the damaged roof



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Roof	Is your drip cap missing or incorrectly installed?			Termites	Inspect attics for leaks & damage, Consider repairing if issue is found
Outside wall surfaces	Is there grout missing in between the bricks of your house (if applicable)?			Entry for wasps or other pests	Consider repairing the damaged areas
Outside wall surfaces	Does the siding of your house have cracks/holes or is in generally poor condition?			Entry for wasps or other pests	Consider repairing the damaged areas
Eaves & overhangs	Do the eaves or overhangs of your house have any opening/holes/cracks?			Spiders, Wasps, Bees	Consider screening, repairing, and remove the webbing
Vents, louvers, air conditioners	Does your AC unit have visible signs of harborage (e.g., wasps nests near a source of moisture)?			Wasps, Termites	Consider inspecting your AC unit when it is turned off pests
Windows and doors	Do your windows have cracks or insufficient seals when closed?			Flies, Wasps, Bees	Considered sealing the window openings with caulk to eliminate pest intrusion
Basement/Foundation	Are there any cracks in the walls or ground of your basement?			Mice, Rats, and entry for other rodents	Consider sealing cracks to prevent pest intrusion
Basement/Foundation	Do the retaining walls of your basement appear to have moisture build up and/or rust?			Termites and entry point for other bugs	Consider repairing damaged areas



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Wood contact with ground	Are there any wood areas of your house that touch the ground? Does the wood appear to be decaying?			Termites, ants, entry point for other bugs	Consider repairing damaged areas
Draining Systems	Are the drains in your house properly functioning? (e.g., not clogged, etc.)			Standing water may support flies & mosquitoes,	Consider sanitizing and replacing existing cover
Grounds around foundation	Is there an excessive amount of weeds near or around your house?			Food and harborage for many pests	Consider removing weeded areas
Grounds around foundation	Are there any areas of dead grass surrounding your house?			Food and harborage for many pests	Consider clearing dead grass from surrounding home
Grounds around foundation	Are there any excessive area of mulch surrounding your house?			Food and harborage for many pests	Consider clearing excess mulch piles
Grounds around foundation	Are there any large piles of leaves near or around your house?			Food and harborage for many pests	Consider clearing excess leave piles
Yard	Is the height of grass near or around your house significantly tall?			Tall grass can harbor bugs and rodents	Consider lower mowing height
Yard	Is there significant use of fertilizer near or around your house?			Excessive use of fertilizer attracts mites	Consider clearing excess fertilizer
Trees, bushes, hedges	Are there any tree limbs touching the walls of your house?			Aphids or their prey, ants	Consider culling back the vegetation



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Trees, bushes, hedges	Are there any tree limbs hanging over your roof?			Potentially mites from bird nests	Consider trimming or cut back the vegetation from your house
Trees, bushes, hedges	Are there any trees near or around your house that bears fruit?			Bees, ants	Consider trimming or cut back the vegetation from your house
Grade around structure	Are there any uneven surface grades near or around your house that might accumulate water			Poor grading collect moisture, which can rot wood and harbor mosquitoes	Consider sloping grade away from foundation
Grade around structure	Are there any uneven surfaces near or around your house that direct water to your house?			Poor grading collects moisture, which rots wood and harbors mosquitoes	Consider sloping grade away from foundation
Sprinkler system	Are your sprinklers positioned close to your house (e.g., hit your house with water)?			Water may come rot wood or accumulate moisture	Consider repositioning sprinkler system
Sprinkler system	Are your sprinklers turning on at night?			Evening watering collects additional moisture	Consider watering your grass in the morning



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Exterior lighting	Are the light near the exterior of your house turned on at night?			Mosquitos, spiders, and other flying bugs	Consider changing to yellow bulbs or sodium vapor lights. Consider also repositioning lights away from house
Interior lighting	Are the light near the interior of your house turned on at night?			Bright lights near windows attracts mosquitos and spiders	Consider changing to yellow bulbs or sodium vapor lights. Consider also repositioning lights further inside house
Firewood, lumber, other stored items	If you have firewood, is the wood stored properly (e.g., not covered to protect against the elements)			May support ants, spiders, other insects	Consider moving lumber inside a close structure. Do not treat firewood with bug removal chemicals
Trash collection area	Are your garbage cans sealed?			Flies, roaches	Consider getting a closed container for your trash to reduce risk of bugs
Barbecue grills	Has your BBQ grill been cleaned after use?			Spiders, wasps, ants	Consider cleaning after use and completely closing lid
Ponds, birdbaths	Are there areas of standing water near or around your house (ponds, creeks, puddles)			Mosquitos and other flying insects	Consider cleaning or filtration (algaecide)
Pools (and covers during Winter)	If you have a pool, is the water treated?			Mosquitos and other flying insects	Treat your pool with appropriate chemicals



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Pet areas, housing & runs; bird feeders	If you have a pet, is their food sealed in a container?			Flies, fleas, and rodents	Consider closed storage for food
Pet areas, housing & runs; bird feeders	If you have a pet, is there sleeping area clean?			Fleas	Consider regular washing of pet and pet bedding
Pet areas, housing & runs; bird feeders	If you have a pet, do they go to the bathroom near or around your house?			Flies	Consider picking up excrement after relief

Results

Directions: Count up the amount in the "Yes" column. If your number is between:

- **0 - 5:** You're good, but keep an eye out.
- **6 - 15:** You're probably okay, but you might have some pests...
- **16+:** You definitely have pests. Go to PestStrategies.com and get it handled.

