

# 7 Things You Must Know Before Hiring a Pest Control Company



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## HOW DO I CHOOSE THE RIGHT PEST CONTROL COMPANY FOR MY NEEDS?



If you want to have your home spic-and-span, seeing a cockroach prowling your premises can make you insane. You need to have them exterminated as quickly as time permits. Many home owners, not understanding how deep seated the situation is, try several "do-it-yourself" methods. While many are effective, they only offer temporary relief. At some point or another, you are left with no choice but to bring in a pest control professional to handle the problem.

To ensure that you don't make a poor decision and end up suffering from inferior service, it is imperative to go for the best pest control company; one that will take care of the job comfortably and make sure it is done right at a price that is affordable to you. So, here are the things you need to take into consideration.

### **Types of Pests:**

There are different types of pests. There are termites, ants, ticks, fleas, cockroaches and rodents, to name the most common. Most pest control companies cover problems relating to all of them. Be that as it may, a few companies specialize in specific types, particularly termite extermination.

### **Certifications and Insurance:**

This is by far the most important factor to put into consideration when looking for a pest control company. All states require pest control service providers to have a work license granted after confirming their certification. You should make sure that the license and the certification of the technicians exist and are current. It is additionally to your greatest advantage to choose a company that has insurance. It will cater for all damages to your property should any occur during the pest control process. It will likewise reduce your liability towards a pest control technician should he get injured while working on your premises. It is essential you choose a company that is qualified and has a good reputation. To be sure that the company you are considering is fit for the job, it is imperative that you check their licenses and insurance. You have the right to ask the company representative if you can take a look at their license and other important credentials. If the pest control company declines to show you any of these credentials, then that is a good sign or indication that you should look elsewhere for the service.

### **Chemicals and Solutions:**

Pest control companies use chemical concentrates on home premises to kill pests. Some people might get affected by them but generally they are all human-friendly. They may affect people suffering from respiratory problems such as asthma, those with sensitivities and allergies, children and pets. Be sure to ask the expert whether any such as chemicals will be used around the house and its premises.

### **Add-On Services:**

Pests cause a considerable measure of structural damage. Most pest control companies offer remediation, for example, sealing entry and exit points and caulking breaks. Sometimes, it is in the services as the aim is to eradicate the pests as well as brace your house and environs against future pest invasion. A few might charge extra for these add-on services.

**Follow-up applications:**

Pest control companies usually take care of pests so that they do not return. Nonetheless, your living conditions have a major say in whether or not the pests will return. It is best to have your residence treated once a year. You can also schedule for every quarter or month; whatever is feasible to you and your budget. The other option is to contact the pest control company if the need arises in future.

**References:**

The first thing you need to do is ask for recommendations from family members, friends, and neighbors. The best way to go about choosing a pest control company is by asking for referrals; referrals from neighbors, relatives and friends. Start in advance so that you can investigate the companies on your list.

**Price:**

Do not always go for the cheapest deal on the list. Compare the prices against the services to choose the most valuable.

## ARE THERE DIFFERENT METHODS OF PEST CONTROL?

The best and most effective way for controlling pests is pest management which includes many steps. The first and most important step in Pest Control is to identify the pest problem. This includes finding out exactly what you are up against. Some insects and spiders are really helpful to people, so it is very important to find out any harmful pests. The second thing is to decide how much pest control is necessary. Only the family who live in the affected area can judge how serious it is to take action. The third thing is to choose an available option for pest control such as chemical pest control or non-chemical pest control.



You can control pests by many means; some of the options available are: -

- Non Chemical pest control
- Chemical pest control
- Biological Methods

For complete pest eradication, however, the only really effective solution is the use of chemical pesticides. This makes it vital to engage a professional pest control expert who will identify both the pests and the correct pesticides, in the correct quantities, to eradicate them.

Domestic or home-use pesticides, of the type freely available in the supermarket, are inadvisable. Their effects are generally temporary, which means repeated treatments will be required. If used incorrectly, home-use pesticides can be poisonous to humans. While you are using chemical pesticides for pest control, the most important thing to remember is to take care in choosing the right pesticide product. Your pest control expert has both access to a large range of suitable products and the knowledge and experience to apply them correctly.

An alternative way to control pests is the biological method. This is the method of using pest's natural enemies to control them. Spiders, centipedes, ground beetles and ants are some of the beneficial bugs. Unfortunately, many of these “beneficial” bugs are themselves commonly regarded as pests and some can be dangerous to children. A detailed analysis of biological control is outside the scope of this report.

## HOW DO I MAKE SURE MY PEST CONTROL CONTRACTOR IS SKILLED AND QUALIFIED?



Eradicating nuisance pests is a vital step to keeping the family safe and the home free of damage or disease. Hiring the most effective pest control technician should help to limit any potential damage to the structure of a home, whilst also guaranteeing the safety and health of the family. Pest technicians rely on a wide-range of techniques, which might involve squirting a pesticide or similar on either the outside or inside of the home.

A treatment applied by a professional exterminator is often long-lasting and should help with eliminating the problem for a long time to come. Also, to ensure the safety of the residents in a home being treated, the pesticide is most often low in toxicity. Meaning a spray treatment is effective enough to control the pests, but isn't likely to be detrimental to the health of humans. The ideal pest controller will be fully qualified, licensed, and have complete knowledge on the various different practices for eradicating pests.

A skilled and experience pest controller is the best option for getting rid of rats, mice, bed bugs, wasps, squirrels, cockroaches, fleas, and many more. But it is vital to consider the key qualities you would expect from this type of service. For one, you might want to ask about experience and how long a particular company has been in business. Two, you want to find a pest company that puts customer satisfaction high on their list of qualities. Searching a company's name online is often a quick and effective way to find an answer to this question, as you can usually find prior customer comments or testimonials. Three, make certain the company is fully insured, licensed, and offers a guarantee on their work. And finally, always make sure to check that the treatments or sprays being used are entirely safe for you and your family, as well as the environment.

Pest management is a fundamental process of ensuring a home is kept structurally free of damage and safe for the family to live in. As a result of this, it is always wise to ensure the right contractors will be carrying out the work responsibly and to a high standard. Most of the modern pest companies use advanced techniques and methods to make certain pests are eliminated as quickly as possible, whilst still doing this in a safe and considerate way. A pest expert has access to the most effective treatments available, which can't be purchased by the typical homeowner, so this means the professional is more effective at wiping out all types of pests.

## HOW MUCH SHOULD I PAY?

If you are wondering how much does it cost to treat a house for pests, you have to first decide on what type of treatment might suit your situation. However, there are a few questions that you should ask the company you are considering before obtaining their services. This will ensure that you get what you pay for and the service you want.

One of the most important factors to most people is price, of course. Find out how much a single visit costs, and whether you will need to sign a contract in order to get the initial services. Many companies charge one price for an initial visit and a second visit to make sure that all the insects are finally gone after spraying. Make sure you know what you are being charged for when you get the price quote, as some companies may only be including a single spray while others are quoting for a few visits.

You also need to find out what you would be paying for. Ask each pest control service that you talk to what the expected results are. Some guarantee that you will see a reduction in bugs, or they will continually come out and spray around the house. Others do not promise anything, so be sure that you know what to expect before they come out to your home.

Please note that if you are too concerned about pest extermination cost, delaying the treatment could result in the multiplication of your pest population. You may then end up paying more money eventually to treat a much bigger problem.

Before you jump at the first treatment proposal though, you really should consider the following guidelines. These can be applied to any pest control company.

- What type of chemicals do they use and will they provide information on these chemicals?
- Cost of treatment, and how many treatments are you paying for?

Here it starts to get interesting. If they have to come back more than twice, ask if there is going to be a much-reduced charge to repeat the treatment.

- Is there a warranty?

Given the resistant nature and complexity of pest eradication, absolute warranties are frequently not given. If the company does offer one, make sure that it is implemented by whatever it takes to eliminate your pest problem completely.

## WHAT IF I HAVE SPECIAL NEEDS DUE TO HEALTH ISSUES?

Getting good pest control from a company that makes big promises can be sometimes a joke. Chemicals are the main solution to getting rid of pests that cause problems. If a home or a business has a major problem with pests, often times the solution according to a professional is to bob the whole building with chemicals. But what types of hazards can this produce?

If it is required by law for pest control technicians to wear masks when spraying chemicals, then there are serious risks and hazards. Back in the early days, trucks would drive down the streets spraying chemicals everywhere when there was a pest problem in a town. You won't find that anymore. You will find however that the same types of chemicals that worked back then still work today however. What effect can they have on your health and how do you do this without causing you a health issue?

Chemicals from exterminators can cause watery eyes and additional problems for asthma sufferers. They can also have an effect on the respiratory system of the body. While this may not be obvious right away, these chemicals can cause some to become sick further down the track. Is there a solution?

The best way to make sure you don't have problems with pests is simply to hire a competent pest control company. There are times when hiring a commercial pest control service is the only thing you need to do in order to fix your problem. In other words, you should realize that only a competent pest control company can help you get rid of your problem without causing any damage to your health or causing more harm to your existing health issue. Another way to combat pests in the home is to use only organic sprays, and also if using a professional, why not go with an organic pest control tech? This will help to keep you free from harm, and will contribute to a healthy living environment in the home.

## HOW DO I MAKE SURE THE PESTS ARE GONE?



It is likely that at some point in the future you will require a pest control treatment completed on your property, whether this is within the home or in the yard. It might be as a result of the larger pests, such as mice or rats, entering the home or much smaller bug issues, such as an infestation of ants. Irrespective of the pest problem it often benefits to call on the services of a professional pest control company to make sure a problem is dealt with as soon as possible.

Hiring the services of a skilled and qualified pest control company provides numerous benefits over self-attempting to eradicate pests such as ants, spiders, cockroaches, squirrels and rodents at home. A competent pest control company has the knowledge to prevent and resolve most infestation issues, while also being able to take action in emergency situations. Once on the scene, a pest control company is able to determine the culprit for the damage and advise on the best cause of action to eradicate the problem.

The advantages of using a pest control company are wide-ranging. An exterminator company is able to provide an in-depth inspection and evaluation of the home to find the potential pest problems and advise the right cause of action to take. A pest control company will also have access

to chemicals that are far more effective at eradicating problems while also being more friendly to the exterior and interior of a home. They also give advice on what steps need to be taken to secure a home and prevent future infestations.

To be sure the pests are completely eliminated, a competent pest control company will provide an extensive inspection of your home. This is likely to involve examining each area of the home to establish that the pests have been effectively gotten rid of. They might also inspect the area to determine other pests that might be within close proximity to your home so that measures to ensure they don't come near you is taken. On completion of the property review, the pest control company is able to confirm whether the pests have been stamped out. Services offered go from pre-treatments to pest termination or removal, to cleansing the infected areas, to ascertaining total eradication of pests as well as repeated visits if required.

## **OTHER IMPORTANT QUESTIONS TO ASK BEFORE HIRING A PEST CONTROL EXPERT**

These are just a few of the questions that you should ask as you begin to consider hiring a commercial pest control. If you can think of any others, don't be shy about opening your mouth. The knowledge that you gather can be put to good use.

### **When can you come out and get started?**

You don't want to hire a pest control company that is going to take entirely too long to start the job. If you wait too long, the problem could have worsened by the time they arrive.

### **Is there anything I need to do before the process starts?**

It is always a good idea to remove the carpets or furniture for the indoor area. If it is an outdoor area, then you should take care of the plants and flowers. A reputed and established service provider can give you the right advice before doing any inspection on the site.

### **Is there anything that I need to do in order to stay safe while you are treating?**

You need to know the answer of this question so that you can let people who work in the building or live in the home know what is going on.

### **Can I live in the home during the pest control procedure?**

It depends on the pest severity and the area which the pest control company will cover. You can either stay or move out of the home for 2 or 3 days. The pest control companies can give you the right answer. This is very important to know beforehand so that you can take the right steps in advance.

### **Do I need to take any follow-up measures after pests are cleared out?**

While you won't need any control operation for your home, you should take care of the cleanliness. In case you need a follow-up after the process the company can give the right information in advance. Although a follow-up is not required it is advisable to consult the company.

### **Is there an unconditional money back guarantee?**

Insist on an unconditional, money back guarantee. You should not have to pay for a service that doesn't deliver the desired outcome. A reputable company will return a second or third time for free to establish control. If you still are not satisfied, they should return what you paid for the last service.

### **How effective is your service?**

Many companies either don't know or won't tell you how often they have to return to do a free warranty service, but you should ask anyway.

### **Can I cancel the service anytime or do I have to sign a contract?**

If a company insists on a one-year contract, run the other way! There is no reason to be locked into an arrangement you don't want. However, not all problems can be solved in one visit and regular preventative control is best, but you should be able to stop service without penalty anytime.

Pest control service is a must if there are too many pests in your home. It is always a good idea to get a clear idea of the benefits of a pest control service before choosing them for the task. Go ahead if you are happy with the answers because your safety is very important. Keep all these excellent tips in mind to choose the best service provider.