

House Centipede

Scientific Name: Scutigera coleoptrata



Identification Tips:

Color	Grayish yellow
Legs	15 pairs of long legs
Size	Adults measure 1 to 1 ½ inches long
Identifying Characteristics	3 dorsal longitudinal dark stripes; antennae and last pair of legs longer than its body; sometimes called “hundred-leggers”

Characteristics of this insect:

- Actually, not an insect. They are more closely related to lobsters, crayfish and shrimp
- Outside, found in areas that retain moisture such as under stones, beneath loose bark, under porches, under piles of leaves or grass clippings, and mulch to name a few
- Inside they can be found all over, but key places are the basement, bathrooms, crawlspaces, and other damp, dark areas
- Beneficial insect that feeds on tiny insects and spiders. However, due to being frightening to people, they are controlled once inside
- After over-wintering, the house centipede will lay eggs in or on the soil usually in the summer. They can produce approximately 35 eggs over a period of days

Is this insect harmful to me?

All centipedes have poisonous jaws with which they kill or paralyze their prey. Some species can inflict a bite to humans similar to that of a bee sting.



Why are they in my structure?

There is no particular reason why your structure or nearby surroundings were chosen to be a nesting site. There may be conditions that exist that introduce or help retain moisture in the dwelling or nearby landscape sites.

Can I treat the problem myself?

Due to the conditions that help perpetuate this insect and the many places it can reside in a dwelling, centipedes are not easily eradicated by the owner of the structure. Please remember that products may be harmful to you and your family if they are misused or misapplied and should be handled by a professional.

What can Apex do for me?

An Apex representative will spend time interviewing the homeowner in order to ascertain where the presence of centipedes is located. That being said, Apex can provide you with a one-time application or a preventative maintenance plan.

One-Time Treatment: An interview with the homeowner is conducted along with a detailed inspection of both the inside and outside of the structure. Time is spent determining the most effective application and then a targeted application of product is made to rid your home or

surroundings of these unwanted guests. A 90-day guarantee is provided with free service calls if needed.

Pest Prevention Plan: Quarterly inspections and treatments are performed to keep your dwelling pest free year around. Free service calls are provided whenever a pest outbreak occurs. Being that a variety of general insect problems are covered, this is a cost effective way to maintain the integrity of your home and is the **recommended treatment of Apex.**

Is the treatment safe for my children and pets?

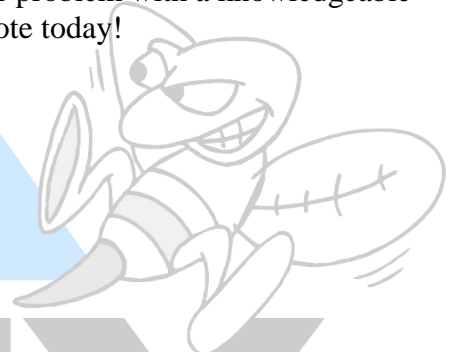


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