

Sowbugs/Pillbugs

Scientific Name: Class crustacean, Order Isopoda



Identification Tips:

Color	Brownish or slate gray
Legs	7 pairs of legs
Size	Up to ¾ inch long
Identifying Characteristics	2 pairs of antennae; Both look like little armadillos, but only the pillbug can roll into a tight ball; Sowbugs have two tail-like appendages on the rear end, while pillbugs do not

Characteristics of this insect:

- Both are slow moving and are related to crayfish shrimps and lobster (crustaceans), not insects
- Live mainly outdoors, protected by objects outside and feed primarily on decaying and live vegetable matter and fungi. Adequate moisture is key to their survival
- Heavy infestations outside cause them to find their way inside structures. Inside they will migrate to damp areas including basements, first floor, and garages to name a few
- Both mate throughout the year with the most activity occurring in the spring. Females lay between 7-200 eggs which are capable of taking care of themselves in eight weeks. There are two generations per year
- Adults can live up to three years depending on environmental conditions

Is this insect harmful to me?

They do not bite humans, damage structures or household possessions. They are a nuisance by their presence.



Why are they in my structure?

There may be moist conditions present in or around your home that helps perpetuate this problem. Also, there may be a suitable habitat for them outside in terms of mulch beds, leaf or plant debris, and objects such as stones or other landscaping effects. They will enter the structure via electrical/plumbing lines, eaves, door and window framing, overhanging tree branches, cracks in foundations and wood piles adjacent to house to name a few. They are considered temporary pests, even though the population may be somewhat large.

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, sowbugs/pillbugs 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 sowbugs/pillbugs 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.**

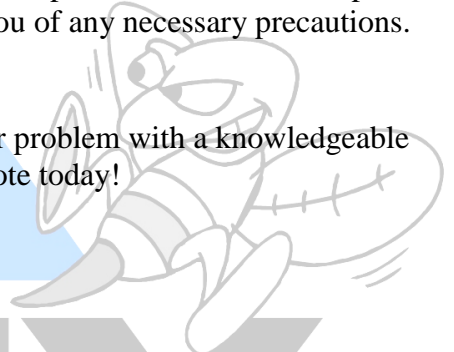
Is the treatment safe for my children and pets?



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What should I do now?

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