

Clover Mite

Scientific Name: Bryobia praetiosa



Identification Tips:

Color	Bright to dark red or rusty brown
Legs	Four pairs of legs; pair of front legs are as long as its body or twice as long as the other legs and move like antennae
Size	Adults measure less than 1/16 of an inch long
Identifying Characteristics	Leave red stain or streak when smashed; look like little, dark red moving dots

Characteristics of this insect:

- No male clover mites in USA. Females lay about 70 eggs through summer and autumn. Eggs laid in the fall will hatch the following spring
- Prefer grass and low weeds adjacent to the structure. Will build up on south side of the structure where it is warmer than 69 degrees Fahrenheit on sunny days and when the air temperature is lower. When temperatures exceed 75 or are lower than 45 degrees Fahrenheit, egg and mite development and activity suspend
- Clover mites excel in new subdivisions where landscaped by seeding or raking bare Earth. Also, well fertilized lawns help contribute to the mites' success. They will enter the structure through cracks in foundations, underneath sheathing, or windows or doors where the caulk may have cracked
- Clover mites are primarily plant feeders, feeding on 200 different plant species.

Is this insect harmful to me?



This occasional invader is only a nuisance insect and is not considered dangerous.

Why are they in my structure?

Your home may attract this insect by not having an 18-inch, grass-free band around the perimeter of the structure. Also, please remember not to crush this insect inside as it may stain your furniture, drapes, etc.

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, clover mites 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 clover mites 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?



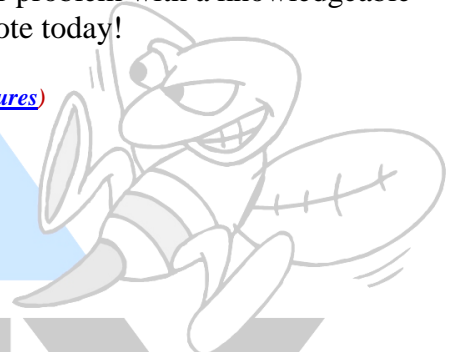
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What should I do now?

Call our office at 1-800-MUG-A-BUG (1-800-684-2284) to discuss your problem with a knowledgeable customer service representative. Otherwise, sign up for a free online quote today!

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