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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome to the 4th edition of the 2020 MPMA newsletter. Wow it has been one for the record books with the nation suffering from a pandemic disease and businesses shut down. Thank goodness pest control was listed as an essential profession early on and our industry has not suffered too much. Stay safe!

Our next event will be the joint meeting of the Kansas Pest Control Association and Missouri Pest Management Association in Independence Missouri on December 9-11, 2020.

Registration information is enclosed in the newsletter. As you can see there will be a first class slate of speakers and presentations. We are expanding our ACE training to one full day to study before taking the test. There is registration information for that as well in this edition. In addition to the ACE training, there will be sessions on management issues on Wednesday. Be sure to send your managers to this "free" event. The second day is reserved for Missouri Recertification Training. You must attend the entire day on Thursday to get your recertification for the state of Missouri. The third day (Friday) will be on Wood Destroying Insects and will offer those members who have licenses in Kansas or Illinois to get more hours for their license renewal.

Be sure to check out the Award Nomination page and send in your nominations for the *Man of the Year* and *John Veatch* awards. We are also taking nominations for the "Hall of Fame" which is listed on the website. Speaking of website, you can register this year and pay online for the conference through the MPMA website at www.mopma.org.

We will be practicing social distancing as directed by the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services and the Kansas City Health Department. Masks may have to be worn in the education portions of the meetings.

Because our summer fundraising event had to be cancelled, we will have a fundraiser during the Annual Conference for our Political Action Committee to raise money for donations to candidates and members of the House and Senate who are in support of our causes.

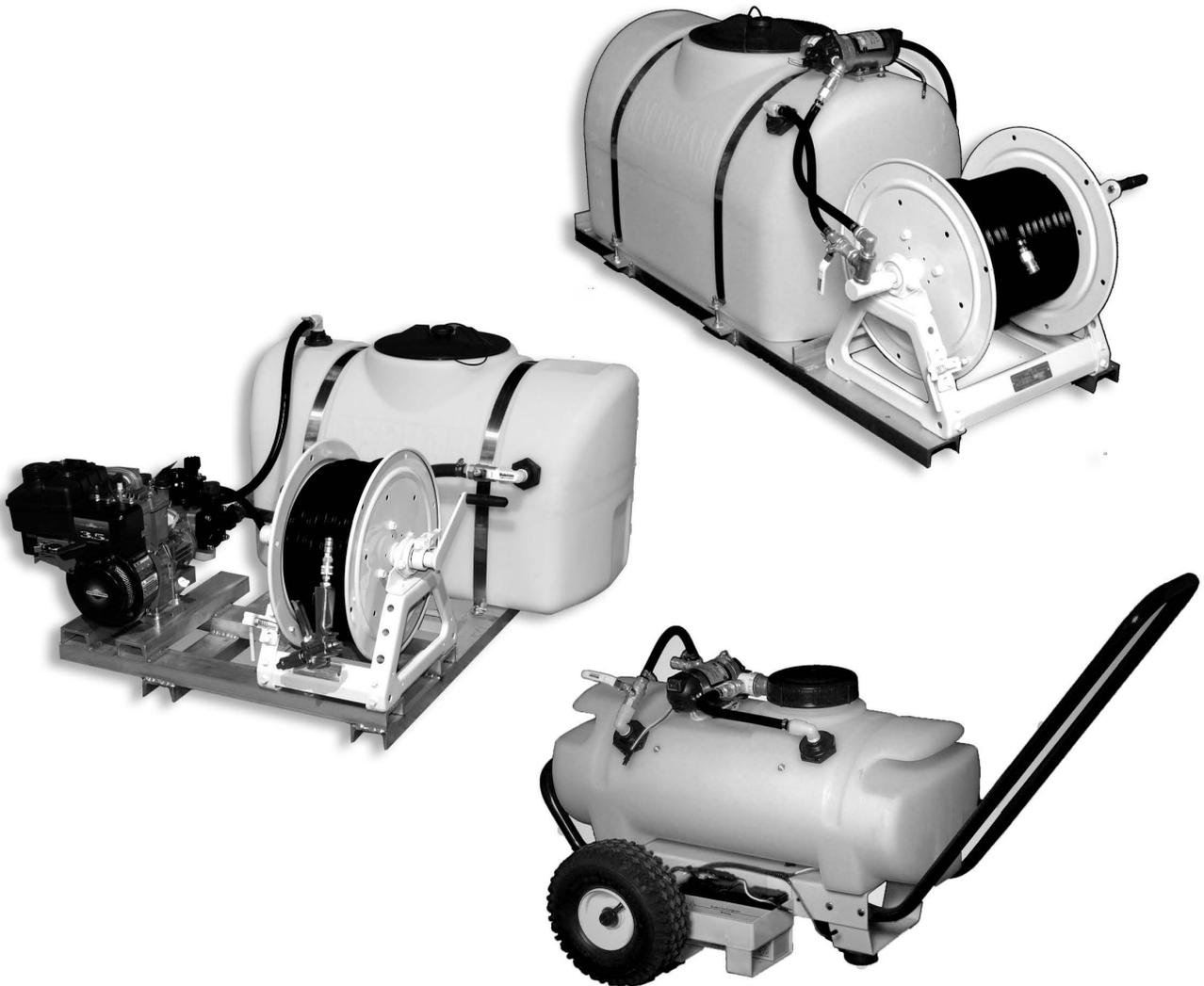
MPMA has also made arrangements to hold their 2021 Winter School on March 12 at the Oasis Hotel in Springfield and the Annual Conference in St. Louis at the Sheraton Westport Lakeside Chalet on December 8 and 9, 2021. Hopefully things will be back to normal in March so we can gather safely with no thoughts about COVID-19.

See you in Independence in December and thank you for your participation.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 15, 2020
Board Meeting
MPMA Office

December 9-11, 2020
Annual Conference and Exposition
*Stoney Creek Hotel & Conference Center
Independence, MO*

March 11, 2021
Board Meeting
MPMA Office

March 12, 2021
Winter School
Oasis Convention Center, Springfield, MO

May 13, 2021
Board Meeting
MPMA Office

August 19-20, 2021
Board Meeting, PAC Fundraiser & August Recertification
Doubletree Hotel, Jefferson City, MO

October 21, 2021
Board Meeting
MPMA Office

December 8-9, 2021
Annual Conference and Exposition
*Sheraton Westport Lakeside Chalet
St. Louis, MO*

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RECERTIFICATION UPDATE

MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Certified commercial and noncommercial applicators and public operators:

Due to COVID-19 all commercial and noncommercial applicators and public operators with an expiring recertification date through December 31, 2020 will be granted a one (1) year recertification extension to attend a recertification program or reexamine.

Certified commercial and noncommercial applicators and certified public operators will still receive their renewal card in the mail one month prior to license expiration. If your license is due for renewal, please make sure to send the license fee and signed renewal card to the Pesticide Bureau by the expiration date on your license. If you prefer to pay online, you may login to your MOPlants account and do so.

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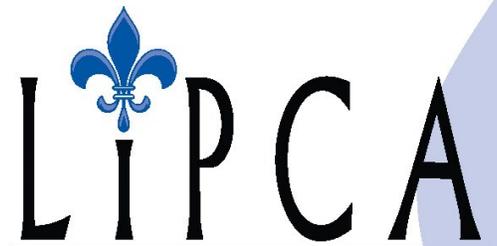
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Missouri Pest Management Association & Kansas Pest Control Association Annual Conference & Exposition **December 9-11, 2020**

Stoney Creek Hotel & Conference Center
18011 Bass Pro Drive
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TENTATIVE AGENDA

Wednesday, December 9, 2020

8:30 am	ACE Training Registration
9:00 - 12 noon	ACE Training Instructor: Jeffery Preece, BCE, ZipZap Termite & Pest Control
12:00 noon	Luncheon with Exhibitors
1:00 - 5:00 pm	ACE Training continued
1:00 - 2:30 pm	Hiring and Retention Speaker: NPMA
2:30 - 4:00 pm	TBD Speaker: Tommy Powell, MGK
4:00 - 5:00 pm	Legal Issues Speaker: Dr. Stewart Mitchell
5:30 pm	MPMA Board Meeting
6:30 pm	Exhibitor Set-up

Thursday, December 10, 2020 “STRUCTURAL DAY”

7:00 am	Registration, Continental Breakfast and Exhibitor Hall Opens
7:00 am	ACE Testing Instructor: Jeffery Preece, BCE, ZipZap Termite & Pest Control
8:00 - 8:55 am	ROACHES Speaker: Tommy Powell, MGK
8:55 - 9:50 am	BED BUGS Speaker: Tommy Powell, MGK

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9:50 am	Break to View Exhibits
10:10 - 11:05 am	RODENTS Speaker: Annie Carney, Bell Laboratories
11:05 - 12:00 noon	STINGING INSECTS Speaker: Dr. Stewart Mitchell
12:00 noon	Luncheon with Exhibitors
1:00 - 1:55 pm	ANTS Speaker: Nate Peterson, Bayer
1:55 - 2:15 pm	Break to View Exhibits

MISSOURI Breakout Sessions

2:15 - 3:10 pm	TERMITES Speaker: Jason Myers
3:10 pm	Break to View Exhibits
3:30 - 4:25 pm	SAFETY & LABELS Speaker: Harry Connoyer, Harry's Consulting and Pest Supplies
4:25 pm	Missouri Core Hour

KANSAS Breakout Sessions

2:15 - 3:10 pm	TBD Speaker: TBD
3:10 pm	Break to View Exhibits
3:30 - 4:25 pm	TBD Speaker: TBD
4:25 pm	Kansas Core Hour

5:00 pm	MPMA Annual Meeting
5:30 pm	Cocktail Reception with Exhibitors (SPONSORS NEEDED)

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Friday, December 11, 2020 “WOOD DESTROYING INSECTS DAY”

7:00 am	Registration, Continental Breakfast and Exhibitor Hall Opens
8:00 - 8:55 am	CARPENTER ANTS Speaker: Travis Aggson, American Pest Management
8:55 - 9:50 am	TERMITE PRETREATMENT Speaker: Travis Aggson, American Pest Management
9:55 - 10:15 am	Break to View Exhibits
10:15 - 11:10 am	ADVANCED TERMITE INSPECTION Speaker: Joey Hoke
11:10 - 12:05 pm	OVERLOOKED WOOD DESTROYING PESTS Speaker: Joey Hoke
12:05 - 12:45 pm	Luncheon with Exhibitors
12:45 - 1:40 pm	TBD Speaker: TBD
1:40 - 2:35 pm	TBD Speaker: TBD
2:35 - 2:45 pm	Break
2:45 - 3:40 pm	TBD Speaker: TBD
3:40 pm	Kansas Core Hour
4:30 pm	Adjourn

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- Complete the registration form
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**Registrations for the Annual Conference can be found on the MPMA and KPCA websites.**

#### **Attendee Registration**

<http://kcapestworld.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/Registration-Winter-Conference-2020.pdf>

#### **Exhibitor Registration**

<http://www.mopma.org/education-and-training/annual-conference-exposition/>

## PROFESSIONAL PEST CONTROL PROTECTION DURING THE COVID-19 CRISIS



### What does it mean to be essential?

The professional pest control industry has always played an essential role in the protection of public health, food and property for homes and businesses nationwide. Consider that rodents contaminate or consume about 20 percent of the world's food supply, and other pests spread disease such as West Nile virus, Lyme disease, salmonellosis, hantavirus and encephalitis. More, stinging insects force hundreds of thousands of people to the emergency room each year, and cockroach and rodent allergens trigger asthma attacks in children. Without the critical work of the professional pest control industry, these alarming statistics would be so much worse.

In today's uncertain times during the world's important battle against COVID-19, the industry continues its role as a vital protector of human health and safety. Although many businesses in communities worldwide have had to close their doors and do their part to flatten the curve, professional pest control has been recognized as an essential service by the United States Department of Homeland Security. This means, most pest control companies in the United States are still working hard to protect our food supply and our critical national infrastructure, while also continuing to reduce the threat of pest-borne disease to homes and businesses.

### What does this mean for you?

With 135,000+ service technicians from more than

19,000 companies, the professional pest control industry is committed to continuing to protect the nation's food production facilities, grocery stores, medical institutions and hospitals, multifamily housing units, warehouses, local municipalities, homes and businesses.

As communities stay inside and, in many cases, at home, to prevent the spread of COVID-19, pests such as rodents, will have less to deter them from venturing out into broad daylight to find water and food sources. If their typical nesting and feeding locations are depleted due to closed businesses, there is no doubt that they will resourcefully seek a new location for water, food and shelter. Without proper, ongoing pest control efforts, rodent populations will move from areas where businesses are closed, to areas where food and water are readily available.

At home, the pests that have always frustrated us as part of daily lives as well as spread diseases, will likely continue to do so. Homeowners may see pests in new and different places during this period of change. Pests are known to adapt easily to changes in environment and are already quickly adjusting to our new normal. The tower of cardboard boxes waiting to be safely broken down from increasing home deliveries, as one example, make excellent hiding spots for pests in garages or next to trash cans.

### Don't forget!

Remember that the pest control industry stands ready to help you preserve the quality of life you have today. As an essential service, we will continue to do our part to protect the nation's food supply, as well as your homes and businesses, from pest-related property threats and most importantly, protect your family and loved ones from pest-specific public health threats.

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- Is your trap secured to a surface?
- Is your trap out of reach from non-targets?
- Is your trap set in the correct direction?
- Could a rodent avoid coming into contact with your trap?

Traps should be secured to a surface, or within a bait station. This promotes clean kills of rodents and prevents non-targets from dragging the trap, or getting caught in a trap that is not meant for them. The baffles within a bait station will guide the rodent towards your trap, making it tougher for a rodent to maneuver over or around the trap. Rodents are constantly climbing along on pipes, cordage, and ceiling rafters, making them optimal locations for snap traps. Consider using zip-ties to secure your snap traps, when using a bait station isn't an option.

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- Time of service to the industry
- Contributions to the industry past and present
  - Technological innovations within the industry
  - Lobbying efforts to the industry
  - Efforts to expand the industry's perception in the public eye
- Awards and recognitions received
- Recommendations from pest management professionals other than the nominating party
- Applicants will be interview by the committee members

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## Nomination Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Industry Contribution(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

Awards and Recognitions \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

Recommended by \_\_\_\_\_

MPMA current member: Yes No

## **SPIDER TIPS AND TRICKS FOR PMPs**

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Working as a pest control technician, I remember dealing with these urban inhabitants almost daily, especially in neighborhoods with wooded or grassy areas near a creek.

Imagine a home sitting on a hillside with lush vegetation, landscape lighting, and surrounded by large trees touching the structure. Spiders will seek any opportunity to build their webs near these outdoor lights while active hunters will search the grounds near a doorway or a window for a chance to snack on prey.

PMPs should keep in mind that prevention is key, and it is important to thoroughly inspect outside and inside the structure. Always look for openings, gaps, damaged window screens and weather stripping. Also inspect low, under decking, windows sills, under patio furniture; and high under eaves and light fixtures. When selecting a pesticide use microencapsulated products as they will provide longer protection. Keep in mind that by eliminating the spider's food source you can also reduce their population, thus pay attention to other insects in the area and use broad spectrum insecticides.

Now, more than ever, a strong focus on outside pest control services and customer education are very important for your success. Get your customers involved; since they have spent more time at home, they can direct you to where pests might be hiding and/or entering. Provide creative ideas and get them to work on weekend projects that will help reduce conducive conditions and make their homes pest-proof.

# **MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

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## SCOTT PHILLIPS

Scott Phillips passed away Tuesday, July 28, 2020. He was a second generation pest control operator who founded Blue

Chip Pest Services in St. Louis, MO.

Scott was trained as a Doctor of Chiropractic Medicine but soon after his graduation was drafted into the United States Army during the Vietnam war. He was a combat medic stationed at an air evac hospital near the front lines in 1967-1968.

After the war, Scott who had worked with his father in pest control, decided that he did not want to practice as a chiropractor and instead founded Blue Chip Pest Services with Pat, his wife of 45 years. The business is currently run by his two children Kim and Jeff.

Scott was an active member of the Pest Control community. He served as president of the local and state Pest Control associations, as well as served on the board of the NPMA. He was also a founding member of the U Group, a pest control roundtable, and has been an active member for over 20 years.

Scott was also an active member of the community with an emphasis on helping veterans through such groups as the American Legion and VFW. He was also an active member of the Rotary, and was a Jaycee Senator.



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## 70 IS SWEET

NOW IN IT'S FOURTH GENERATION, GUNTER PEST & LAWN CELEBRATES THE WAYS IN WHICH THE COMPANY HAS EVOLVED-AND HOW IT CONTINUES TO GROW AS A FAMILY BUSINESS.

Evolving over four generations of the Gunter family, Gunter Pest & Lawn this year celebrates 70 years of providing service in the heart of Kansas City, Mo.

L.R. (Reggie) Gunter started Gunter Pest & Lawn in the 1950s under the name "L.R. Gunter, the Bugman" after taking over the pest control route of his cousin, Roy Gunter. Reggie Gunter and his wife Elizabeth Gunter ran the business out of their home, where current president and Gunter's grandson, Jay Besheer, spent a lot of time growing up.

"He lived just a few blocks from where I grew up. I used to go to his house all the time on the weekends and just hang out with him," Jay Besheer said of his grandfather Reggie Gunter. "We were really close so [working for the company] was just something that I always wanted to do."

Jay Besheer began working for the company in 1969, at the age of 14, and spent the majority of his summers and breaks from school working with his grandfather. He then joined the company full-time in 1977 after graduating from the University of Missouri with a degree in business. Jay Besheer's father, Norman Besheer, joined the company in 1971 after leaving his career in law.

"My dad and I started around the same time, so we were running sort of like partners all those years," Jay Besheer said.

Norman Besheer, who is now 91, took over the company in 1979 and still works for Gunter as CEO. Norman's grandson and Jay's son, Noah Besheer,

recently joined Gunter Pest & Lawn as vice president of marketing. According to Jay Besheer, Noah will one day take over the leadership of the company, making Gunter a four-generation family-owned business.

"I feel it's pretty impressive that we've been able to evolve over four different generations because what worked in the 1960s is not what is working in 2020," Noah Besheer said. "So, we've really tried to evolve with the times and the key, I think, is listening to our customers and providing the services they want and how they want."

### LOCAL MATTERS.

Located in Kansas City for all 70 years, Gunter resonates well with its local market. According to Jay and Noah Besheer, a number of pest control companies and large corporate franchises have moved into Kansas City, increasing competition and forcing Gunter to continually evolve.

"The competition is so much heavier now than it was before," Jay Besheer said. "But competition is good, and it makes you have to get better. If you don't adapt and get better than you go away."

According to Noah Besheer, being a local, family-owned business has helped Gunter stand out from the larger companies.

"Gunter started in Kansas City and it's been in the middle of Kansas City for the last 70 years, and a lot of our customers like that," Noah Besheer said. "A lot of our customers would rather choose a local, family-

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owned business than a national chain, especially when you have someone coming into your house for somewhat of a personal service.”

Gunter’s popularity in the local market originated in part with its old slogan, “Ask Your Neighbor.”

“Our slogan for a really long time was ‘Ask Your Neighbor,’ because, chances are, if you ask your neighbor who they use for pest control or lawn care, they’re going to say Gunter. That’s because we’ve been in the middle of Kansas City for the last 70 years,” Noah Besheer said.

Gunter has since changed its slogan to “Go Gunter, Go Green!” to highlight the company’s ongoing efforts to promote sustainability and minimize its footprint. Some of the ways the company has supported “going green” are by using solar panels to power its office building and charge the electric Tesla cars and trucks its technicians use for service; and by going paperless.

“Everything we do is in the mind of solving the pest problem but doing it with the greenest possible method,” Jay Besheer said.

### 70TH CELEBRATION.

To commemorate the firm’s 70th anniversary this year, Gunter planned to host a party meant to both celebrate the anniversary and show the community its new green initiatives. However, the event has been canceled as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Jay Besheer said he is leaving the final decision to his daughter, Hayley Besheer, who works part time as head of sales and public relations for Gunter, but that the company will not be having the party any time soon.

“We want to be safe. That’s important to us for our customers too,” Noah Besheer said. “So, we’re not going to host a big event anytime in the near future,

but hopefully it’s something that we can do as things change.”

In addition to its green initiatives, the company has evolved in its use of targeted marketing through social media and the digitization of its operating system. Now, according to Noah Besheer, the company’s communications include a lot of automation in which customers will receive a text or email reminder the day before technicians are visiting the property to provide service. “That’s something that I think has really helped us stay in touch with our customers more in the last year,” Noah Besheer said.

Noah, who now — according to Jay Besheer — plans to take over leadership in the company someday, said that was not always the case.

“For a long time, I never considered working for Gunter,” Noah Besheer said.

Noah had previously worked for a number of corporate jobs but got burned out, he said. He recognized the value of carrying on the family business and decided he wanted to be a part of continuing the legacy. Noah also has a son, who might be involved in the company one day.

“I think it’s important to carry on the tradition and I’d love to keep it going for another 70 years if possible,” Noah Besheer said.

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# EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT YELLOWJACKETS

## A PESKY STRIPED INSECT



Yellowjackets are a very common summer and fall pest in the United States, and while they are grouped in the general category of stinging insects, yellowjackets have some pretty unique characteristics. Understanding what sets yellowjackets apart is the first step in controlling them on your property and reducing the likelihood of stings

### **Appearance of Yellowjackets**

Not surprisingly, yellowjackets get their common name from their typical black and yellow color pattern banded across their abdomens. They are primarily flying insects, similar to bees, but are more noticeably segmented with a very small 'waist.' While most species are yellow and black, some can also have white or red markings.

Yellowjackets, wasps, and hornets may look alike and have similar characteristics, but they can be very different in their level of aggressiveness and their habits. It is important to properly identify the type of stinger in your home or garden before attempting any type of control.

### **Yellowjacket Habitats**

Yellowjackets are found worldwide, and there are about 16 species that reside in the U.S. They are social insects that have annual colonies; only the queen lives through winter to start a new colony in the spring. Depending on the species, the queen will

pick either an underground or aerial site to build her nest. Common places for a nest are attached to bushes, trees, or the eaves of homes. Yellowjacket nests are built with a recognizable paper-like material made from chewed cellulose.

### **What Yellowjackets Eat**

Like many other flying insects, adult yellowjackets feed on sugary substances such as flower nectar, fruit, and the occasional soda when they find an open can. What makes yellowjackets unique is that they consume protein in their larval stage. Workers bring insects and other types of meat back to the nest as food for the larvae. Most homeowners consider yellowjackets a pest, but their diet actually makes them an important part of garden pest control.

### **When They Attack**

Yellowjackets are normally very slow to sting, but they are also very territorial. If the entrance to their nest is approached, they will become very aggressive. They can sting multiple times, and their stings can be very painful. People who are allergic to their venom could have a severe reaction, and it is possible to become hypersensitive to yellowjackets after being stung. This sensitivity could cause a serious problem if stung again in the future.

It is very important, if you believe there is a yellowjacket nest on your property, to call a pest professional. Attempting to remove the nest without a professional could result in being stung or driving the insects into your home. Proper removal requires special equipment and safety precautions and is best handled by a professional.

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## A YELLOWJACKET STORY

### EDITOR'S NOTE

In early September of this year my husband was mowing the grass when he disturbed a nest of yellow jackets in the yard and was stung several times. He didn't think anything of it as he had been stung by bees, wasps, etc. since childhood. About a half hour later I received a phone call from him out of breath asking me to pick him up and take him to hospital. He was having a hard time breathing, his blood pressure had dropped dramatically, felt very faint and sick to his stomach. The minute we got to the emergency room, five or six nurses and doctors started working on him. He immediately got an IV in each arm, shots in each leg, was put on oxygen, and anything else they could throw at him. I was told that he was in anaphylactic shock and another couple of minutes could have been deadly. Within hours he was close to normal with minor itching and irritation, although he was kept overnight for observation.

Our regular pest control guy has since been to the house and gotten rid of the underground yellowjacket colony in our yard. A big thanks goes out to them!

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