



Braman Pest Quarterly

Seasonal Smarts, Service Updates and Pest Prevention Tips

Summer Pest Pressure Is On

Summer brings a different kind of pest pressure. Warm temperatures, higher humidity and more time spent outdoors all create ideal conditions for pest activity around homes and businesses alike.

That's why this season is a good time to pay attention to the places pests are most likely to show up first. Outdoor gathering spaces, trash areas, kitchens, mulch beds, wood structures and spots where moisture collects can all become early trouble zones if they are not monitored closely.

In this issue, we are focusing on pests that are buzzing, biting and building—and what you can do to stay ahead of them. You'll also find practical checklists to reduce the incidence of ticks, mosquitoes, ants, carpenter bees and stinging insects on your property, along with seasonal insights that can make summer protection simpler.

Our goal stays the same every season: give you information you can actually use, without the fluff. Whether you are protecting your home, your business or both, we are proud to be part of your prevention plan.

Thanks for reading.

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Summer Pest Hot Spots: Where Pest Activity Spikes First

Summer pests don't spread out evenly across a property. They build where food, moisture, shelter and access come together. At homes and businesses, the first signs of activity often show up in the same types of places.

Outdoor Gathering Areas

Patios, outdoor seating areas, pool surrounds and picnic spaces often attract pests because people bring the things pests want most: food, drinks and moisture. Even a few spilled beverages, uncovered snacks or overflowing bins can quickly draw ants, yellowjackets and flies.

Trash and Dumpster Zones

Trash areas are one of the most reliable pest hot spots in summer. Bags that sit too long, lids left open and residue around containers can attract flies, ants, rodents and stinging insects. At commercial properties, dumpster placement and cleaning routines can make a major difference in pest control.

Landscaping, Mulch and Foundation Lines

Mulch holds moisture and gives insects cover near homes, businesses and other structures. Overgrown shrubs, dense ground cover and branches touching the building can also make it easier for pests to move closer to entry points. Foundation lines should stay visible, dry and free of excess buildup.

Breakrooms, Kitchens and Food Storage Areas

Summer heat speeds up odor, moisture and food spoilage. That makes kitchens, breakrooms and storage areas especially attractive to ants, flies and cockroaches. Small crumbs, sticky spills and unsealed products can support repeat pest activity before anyone realizes there is a pattern.

Decks, Eaves, Sheds and Wood Structures

Exposed wood around homes and outbuildings can attract carpenter bees and create sheltered nesting areas for wasps. Check eaves, railings, fencing and sheds regularly for new holes, nest starts or insect movement.

Moisture-Prone Spaces and Standing Water Areas

Where water lingers, pest pressure rises. Poor drainage, clogged gutters, low spots in the yard, birdbaths, buckets and other overlooked containers can all support mosquito breeding. Damp crawl spaces, utility areas and leaking exterior fixtures can also increase activity from ants and other pests.

Protect the Places Pests Go First

The sooner you identify summer hot spots, the easier it is to correct the conditions that let pests settle in. A little prevention in the right places can help stop a bigger issue later. Give us a call at 800-338-6757 or visit bramanpest.com for a free quote.





Seasonal Pest Watch

Ticks and Mosquitoes



Summer is peak season for ticks and mosquitoes. Both are active during the warm-weather months, both can affect homes and businesses, and both are more than just a nuisance. They can also pose real health risks.

Ticks thrive in shaded, brushy and overgrown areas, especially along property edges, fence lines and places where lawns meet woods or tall vegetation. Mosquitoes, meanwhile, need very little water to breed. A clogged gutter, planter tray, birdbath or forgotten toy can be enough to support activity.

Why Summer Is the High-Risk Season

As temperatures rise and people spend more time outside, the chances for exposure go up. Outdoor dining, yard time, sports, landscaping work and general foot traffic all increase contact with the areas where ticks and mosquitoes are most active.

Why Proactive Treatment Matters

Once activity is obvious, it's often already well established. Proactive treatment through the warm-weather months can help reduce populations and make outdoor spaces more usable, more comfortable and easier to manage.

Our experts can assess your home and property to identify any breeding grounds or at-risk areas for these pests and provide tick and mosquito treatment that starts in the spring and lasts until late fall.

Quick Prevention Checklist

- ☐ Empty standing water regularly
- ☐ Improve drainage where water collects
- ☐ Check gutters and drainage areas
- ☐ Trim overgrowth and tall grass
- ☐ Pay attention to shaded property edges
- ☐ Address activity early, before it builds
- ☐ Call Braman for effective mosquito and tick treatment



Did You Know?

Mosquitoes can breed in very small amounts of standing water, and tick activity often builds in overlooked edges of a property, not just deep wooded areas.



Seasonal Pest Watch

Ants and Carpenter Bees

Did You Know?

Pavement ants will forage by following pheromone trails up to 30 feet away from their nest! The more ants that follow with path, the stronger the pheromone trail becomes.

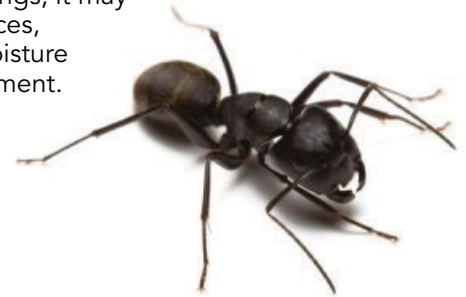
Quick Prevention Checklist

- ☐ Seal cracks and entry points
- ☐ Clean up crumbs and sticky spills quickly
- ☐ Store food in sealed containers
- ☐ Fix leaks and reduce moisture
- ☐ Keep trash sealed and emptied regularly
- ☐ Watch kitchens, break rooms and sinks

Ants

Ants become more noticeable in summer because colonies are active, foraging increases and food and moisture are easier to find. Indoors, they often show up around kitchens, sinks, breakrooms and storage areas. Outdoors, they may trail near foundations, mulch beds, trash areas and entry points.

Even small gaps around doors, windows, utility lines and foundations can be enough for ants to get inside. Once they find a steady food or water source, activity can continue unless the underlying attractants are addressed. In homes, that may mean spills, pet food or damp areas under sinks. In commercial settings, it may mean food-handling spaces, employee kitchens or moisture around drains and equipment.



Carpenter Bees

Carpenter bees are most often drawn to exposed, unfinished or weathered wood. Decks, trim, railings, fences, pergolas and sheds are all common targets in summer.

At first, the damage may look mostly cosmetic: a round hole here, a little sawdust there. But over time, repeated activity in the same areas can lead to more wear—especially when woodpeckers or moisture add to the problem. Early intervention matters because carpenter bee activity can expand from one section of wood to multiple vulnerable areas around the property.



Quick Prevention Checklist

- ☐ Seal or paint exposed wood
- ☐ Inspect decks, trim and railings
- ☐ Watch for round holes and sawdust
- ☐ Check sheds, fences and eaves
- ☐ Call us for treatment and removal

Did You Know?

Male carpenter bees may attempt to intimidate intruders to their domain, but they are harmless and can't sting.





Seasonal Pest Watch

Summer Stinging Insects

Wasps, hornets and related stinging insects become more active as summer progresses. Colonies grow, foraging increases and nests become more noticeable around structures. Later in the season, these insects also tend to become more defensive, which increases the risk of painful and potentially dangerous encounters.

Common nesting areas include eaves, soffits, porch ceilings, shutters, sheds, utility boxes, play structures, fence posts and dense shrubs. At commercial properties, check around entrances, loading areas, outdoor dining spaces and trash zones.

DIY removal can be risky, especially when the nest is hidden, elevated or already active. Disturbing a colony without proper equipment and planning can make insects aggressive, resulting in painful, and potentially life-threatening, stings. When there is visible nest activity around frequently used areas, it's time to call a professional.

Quick Prevention Checklist

- ☐ Check eaves, soffits and overhangs regularly
- ☐ Inspect sheds, decks, railings and fence posts
- ☐ Keep outdoor trash sealed and cleaned up
- ☐ Wipe up food and drink spills promptly
- ☐ Call us immediately if you notice nest activity

Did You Know?

The bald-faced hornet will aggressively defend its nest with repeated stinger jabs, and can also spray venom directly into the eyes of any nest intruder, including unlucky humans.



Braman in the News

A surge in tick-bite ER visits. Hantavirus risks posed by rodents. How to safely remove a tick. Living in harmony with pollinators. We've been in high demand by local media outlets to help educate the public about the threats pests pose to our communities and our health.

Visit bramanpest.com/news to check out these stories and more.





One Plan, Smarter Summer Protection

MultiPest is Braman's year-round residential service with four seasonal visits designed around the 20 pests most active at different times of year. Our MultiPest+ plans offer added protection for mosquitoes, ticks or termites.



Why MultiPest+ Makes Sense in Summer

Summer is when outdoor pest activity tends to ramp up fast. Mosquitoes, ticks, stinging insects and ants are all more active, just when you want to enjoy your yard the most. MultiPest+ helps you stay ahead of seasonal pressure instead of reacting after pests settle in.

For homeowners who spend a lot of time outside, mosquito and tick protection can be a smart seasonal upgrade. It is especially helpful for properties with wooded edges, dense landscaping, standing water concerns or a lot of outdoor activity.

Why Ongoing Prevention Beats One-Time Reaction

Pest problems often start quietly. By the time you see them regularly, the conditions supporting them may already be established. Ongoing prevention helps identify vulnerabilities early, target seasonal risks and reduce the chances of bigger issues later. For added reassurance, there is no extra cost if we have to come back in between seasonal visits for covered pests.

If you want one less thing to worry about during the busiest outdoor season of the year, MultiPest+ offers a more consistent way to protect your home and the spaces around it.



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Featured Industry

Hospitality Pest Control in Peak Summer Season

Summer can be one of the busiest times of year for hospitality businesses and one of the toughest times to stay ahead of pest pressure. More guests, more food service, more outdoor use and more frequent trash handling all create opportunities for pests.

Outdoor dining areas: Patios, decks and event spaces need close attention in summer. Food spills, sugary drinks and exposed waste can attract flies, ants and stinging insects quickly, especially during peak service hours.

Trash handling and food service risk points: Dumpsters, grease areas, loading zones, kitchens and storage rooms can all become pressure points if sanitation slips or entry points go unchecked. Even small issues can affect day-to-day operations when activity builds in a guest-facing environment.

Guest comfort and reputation protection: In hospitality, pest control is not just about removing pests. It is about protecting the guest experience. One visible nest, one trail of ants or one mosquito-heavy outdoor area can affect comfort and leave a lasting impression.

In lodging, bed bugs are one of the highest-stakes pest concerns because even a small issue can quickly affect guest confidence, online reviews and your brand reputation. Braman offers a full range of lodging pest control services to help protect your property, your guests and your bottom line.

Fast response and prevention during high-traffic months: The best summer strategy is a proactive one: routine service, close monitoring and quick action when conditions change. In a high-traffic setting, prevention helps protect both operations and reputation.

Got a pest headache at your business? Request a free quote on our website, or call us to schedule an appointment to discuss an ongoing, proactive plan.

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Visit bramanpest.com/blog any time. Have a question you don't see answered?

Give us a call or submit it at bramanpest.com/contact. You might even see it featured in a future issue!

Our blog offers practical, expert, seasonal advice for property owners throughout southern New England. The latest articles include:



Summer Pest Pressures for Businesses: Proactive Steps



Mosquito and Tick Prevention



Outdoor Spring Pest Prevention Checklist



What We're Seeing Now

Here are a few of the summer patterns we are seeing right now across residential and commercial properties:

Stinging insect activity is building around structures.

We are starting to see more wasp and yellowjacket activity. Early nests are easier to address than larger, more defensive colonies later in the season. What you see now will only get bigger as the season progresses.

Carpenter bees are active around exposed wood.

Decks, fences and untreated wood are common targets. The first sign is often a neat round hole or increased hovering around one section of wood. If a few bees have already started drilling, treat holes after they've left for the season, and plug them up to prevent return visits.

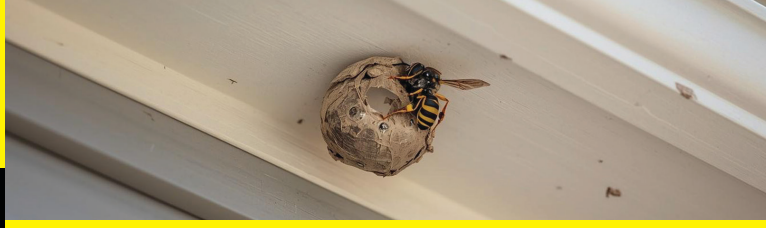
Ant pressure is showing up where food and moisture meet. At homes and offices, that often means kitchens and areas around sinks. Eliminate potential food sources with ongoing cleaning and address areas of moisture or standing water.

Mosquito breeding is often tied to overlooked standing water. The source is not always obvious, and it can be hard to stay ahead during rainy weather. Gutters, low spots, containers, planter trays and drainage issues can all contribute to activity, which is why professional treatment is often the best prevention.

Tick risk remains highest around edges and overgrowth. We continue to remind customers that ticks are not just a deep-woods problem. Brushy borders, shaded areas and transitions between lawn and vegetation deserve attention. Because ticks spread diseases such as Lyme and the Powassan virus, prevention is key.

Our MultiPest Plan offers year-round protection against 20 common New England pests, including ants, stinging insects, cockroaches and mice. MultiPest+ can expand this protection to include ticks and mosquitoes.

Learn more at
bramanpest.com/residential/multipest-plan.



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