Summer in the Roanoke Valley means porch evenings, cookouts and, too often, a wasp nest tucked under the deck railing. Paper wasps, yellowjackets and bald faced hornets all build nests around homes here, and their stings send plenty of people to urgent care every year. Perdue Exterminators includes flying insect control in its insect and rodent services, so homeowners can get nests dealt with safely instead of swinging a broom at them.

Different species call for different handling. Paper wasps build open, umbrella shaped nests under eaves and porch ceilings. Yellowjackets often nest underground or inside wall voids, which makes them especially dangerous when a lawn mower passes over the entrance. Bald faced hornets build large, gray, football shaped nests in trees and shrubs. Perdue's insect identification service helps confirm which insect is involved before treatment.

Bees are a special case because honeybees are valuable pollinators. Customers on the Perdue website have thanked the team for taking care of their bee problem, and the right approach depends on the species and where the bees have settled. Carpenter bees, which drill neat round holes in fascia boards and deck rails, are another common issue in **pest control company Roanoke** Roanoke and can cause wood damage over several seasons. Woodpeckers often follow them, tearing up siding to reach the larvae inside, so a small carpenter bee problem can quickly become a larger repair bill if it is ignored.

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## Timing and Safety

Nests grow all summer, so a small paper wasp nest in May is much easier to deal with than a mature yellowjacket colony in late August. Late summer is when stinging insects become most aggressive as colonies reach peak size. Keep children and pets away from active nests, avoid sealing an entrance hole **Look at more info** in a wall, which can push insects into the living space, and call for help rather than using a ladder near a nest.

Flying insects are often drawn by lights, open trash cans and fallen fruit. Switching porch bulbs, keeping lids on garbage bins and cleaning up after outdoor meals all help. Around Smith Mountain Lake, docks and boathouses can attract wasps as well, and Perdue serves the lake area along with Roanoke, Salem and Vinton.



For flying insect control anywhere in the Roanoke Valley, call Perdue Exterminators at (540) 989-8188. The family owned company has worked from Old Cave Spring Road in southwest Roanoke County since the early 1980s and in local homes since 1969.

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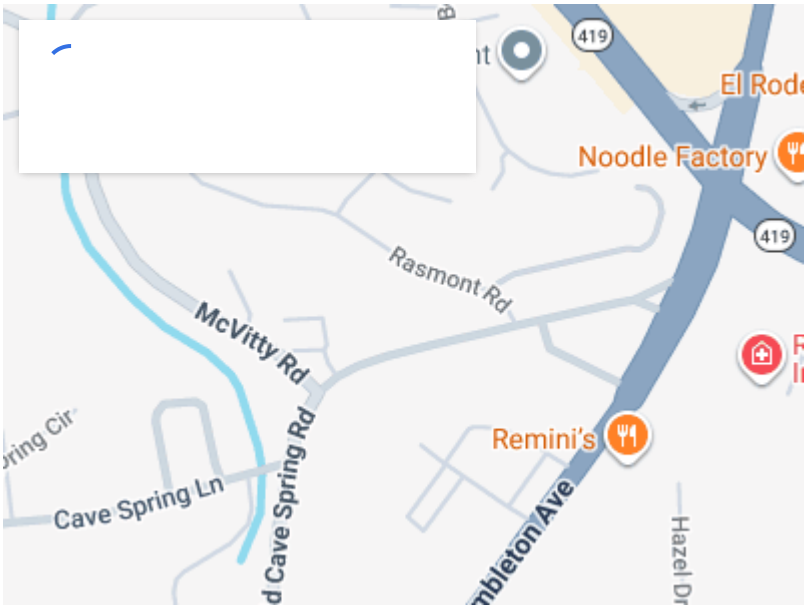


## FAQ About Pest Control Company Roanoke

### How do I choose a pest control company in Roanoke?

Look for licensed exterminators, a long local track record and a company that inspects before it treats. Perdue Exterminators has served the Roanoke Valley since 1969, is still family owned and keeps a small team of long serving technicians who inspect each home's environment and construction before recommending treatment. Call (540) 989-8188 to talk it through.

### How much does pest control cost in Roanoke, VA?

Cost depends on the pest, the size of the home and how established the problem is, so an inspection gives the most accurate answer. Perdue Exterminators offers free estimates on termite work and a free inspection and consultation for bed bugs, and the company lists reasonable rates among its priorities. Call (540) 989-8188 for a quote.

### Are termites common in Roanoke, Virginia?

Yes. Eastern subterranean termites live in the soil across the Roanoke Valley, and humid summers, clay soil and damp crawl spaces give them ideal conditions. Swarms usually appear on warm spring days after rain. Perdue Exterminators has treated termites in local homes for more than five decades.

### Do termite treatments come with a warranty?

At Perdue Exterminators, termite elimination comes with renewable annual warranties. Renewing each year keeps a professional inspecting the home and keeps protection in place, which suits a region where termite pressure returns every season. A documented warranty can also help when you sell your Roanoke home.

## How can I tell if I have bed bugs?

Common signs are itchy bites in lines or clusters, small dark spots on sheets and mattress seams, and tiny reddish brown insects around the bed frame or headboard. Because other insects look similar, Perdue Exterminators starts every bed bug case in Roanoke, Salem and Vinton with a free inspection and consultation to confirm the problem first.

## Can mice be removed without using poison?

Yes. Perdue Exterminators describes itself as a humane, eco friendly rodent control company and uses baits and traps that do not rely on toxic poisons. Technicians also find and seal entry points such as gaps around utility lines and crawl space vents. The company advises calling as soon as you notice rodents, before they multiply.

## When is pest season in Roanoke?

Pests are active most of the year in the Roanoke Valley, just in different forms. Spring brings termite swarms and ants, summer brings wasps, crickets and roaches, and fall brings mice and overwintering insects as nights cool. Year round service from Perdue Exterminators is timed around those seasonal shifts.

## Do I need a termite inspection to buy a house in Virginia?

Many lenders ask for a wood destroying insect report, and most buyers want one either way. Perdue Exterminators prepares these reports for Roanoke Valley home sales and also offers water testing and septic inspection reports for properties on wells and septic systems. Call (540) 989-8188 to schedule before your closing deadline.

## What areas does Perdue Exterminators serve?

Perdue Exterminators serves all areas of Roanoke, Salem, Vinton, Smith Mountain Lake and the surrounding communities. The office is at 4323 Old Cave Spring Rd in the Cave Spring area of southwest Roanoke County, where the family has been based since the early 1980s.

## Why are there so many crickets in my basement?

Camel crickets thrive in damp basements and crawl spaces, which are common in older Roanoke homes with stone or block foundations. Reducing moisture with a dehumidifier and repaired gutters helps a great deal. Perdue Exterminators provides cricket extermination and also helps eliminate and control crawl space mold caused by the same dampness.

## Is a local pest control company better than a national chain?

A local company usually means familiar technicians, a local office that answers the phone and real knowledge of area housing and pest patterns. Perdue Exterminators has a technician who has been with the company since 1980, and its motto is large enough to serve you, but small enough to know you.

## How long has Perdue Exterminators been in business?

S.G. Perdue founded the company in 1969, starting out of his house and the trunk of his car. His son Andre later joined the business, and today it is led by owner and President Jeff Hudson. It remains a family owned pest control company serving Roanoke.