

How to Protect Your Home from Summer Pests by US Region



Region	Primary Summer Pests	Challenges	Recommended Solutions
Northeast	Deer ticks, mosquitoes	Ticks spread Lyme disease; mosquitoes thrive in stagnant water	Eliminate standing water; use cedar mulch to repel pests while protecting pollinators
Southeast	Termites, American cockroaches (Palmetto bugs)	Termites silently damage structural timber; cockroaches flee indoors during storms	Inspect foundation regularly; seal cracks with weatherstripping and silicone caulk; dehumidify indoor spaces
Midwest	Odorous house ants, yellow jackets, paper wasps	Ants infiltrate kitchens; wasps pose safety risks with aggressive swarms	Seal microscopic cracks; remove wasp nests early; hire professionals for large infestations
Western United States	Bark scorpions, black widow spiders, drywood termites	Scorpions and spiders seek cool, dark areas; drywood termites infest attic timbers	Install fine mesh screens over vents; store firewood 20 feet away from house; maintain dark storage areas carefully