Fall Household Pests: What to Expect



BROOKINGS, S.D. - The recent climate update predicts that the majority of South Dakota is still a few weeks away from the first hard frost of the season. While this is good news for crops and gardens, it does mean a longer season for insect and other arthropod activity.

"For insects and arthropods that are showing up inside, the best course of action is to determine their point of entry and close it," Amanda Bachmann, SDSU

Extension Pesticide Education & Urban Entomology Field Specialist.

Bachmann encourages homeowners to check around windows and doors for gaps and inspect any cracks or crevices in walls and foundations.

In most cases, Bachmann said an insecticide is not necessary for the fall invaders and they can be managed with a vacuum, empty jar, shoe or a broom.

She outlines other ways

to keep common fall pests out of the house below. **Flies**

This is the time of year when cluster flies and picture winged flies start moving into structures. Cluster flies will survive the winter indoors, and are often noticed on mild winter days. They do not reproduce indoors.

Picture winged flies also move indoors, but they don't survive the winter.

House flies are also active and ending up inside. They

reproduce on decaying organic matter, so it is possible to have a breeding population inside that is active all winter.

"Sanitation, such as taking out trash regularly, cleaning drains, etc. is the best way to handle small populations," she said.

Boxelder bugs This is another example of an insect with adults that spend the winter indoors.

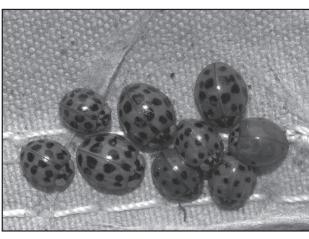
"Boxelder bugs are harmless, and should just be swept up or vacuumed," Bachmann said.

She explained that their activity increases during warm days in the fall and during the winter when they will congregate near sunny windows.

Multicolored Asian lady beetle

The multicolored Asian lady beetle is one of our introduced lady beetle (aka ladybug) species and it will congregate in structures as the weather cools.

"Multicolored Asian lady beetle activity generally increases in the fall as crops are being harvested and



they are seeking shelter for overwintering," Bachmann said.

Activity of this lady beetle increases on warm fall days, and they will congregate on structures. They are often active through the entire winter, with increased activity on warm days.

"Multicolored Asian lady beetles emit a pungent odor when disturbed, and are best removed using an empty jar with an available lid," Bachmann said.

She added that there are reports that when canister vacuums are used to remove this pest the odor persists

in the canister for extended periods of time.

Mosquitoes

Mosquitoes will remain active until the first frost. It is important to continue to wear protective clothing and personal repellents when engaged in outdoor activities, as it is still possible to get West Nile Virus in the fall.

What insect is this? If you find an insect indoors and would like help identifying it, please submit a clear picture to the Plant Diagnostic Clinic online, or contact Amanda Bachmann 605.773.8120.

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