



In need of some assistance with a wasp infestation?

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What does a wasp look like?

Wasps have smooth, shiny, black and yellow patterned bodies, narrow waists, four wings and bad tempers. Naturally aggressive predators, the most common species of wasp in the UK are the Common Wasp and the German Wasp. Unfortunately, the affable bee is often mistaken for the antagonistic wasp, despite their distinct differences. Although not a protected species, bees are endangered in the UK, making it important to correctly identify between wasps and bees.

Where do wasps live?

Like bees, wasps live in colonies – although they're much smaller in size, averaging at about 5,000 wasps during peak activity in late summer. Wasp nests are incredible pieces of architecture, made from chewed wood and saliva to make a papier-mache like material which is durable, lightweight and waterproof.

With a preference for low-lit, dry spaces, wasp nests are often found under eaves, in wall cavities, roofs, sheds and garages.

What do wasps eat?

With a reputation as a BBQ's most unwelcome guest, it's well-known that they have a sweet tooth and are attracted to the sugary food and drinks we enjoy in the summer. However, they are also one of nature's pest controllers and eat a surprisingly large number of bugs



DID YOU KNOW?

There are 9,000 species of wasp in the UK

and insects, which would otherwise plague our environment.

Are wasps dangerous?

Armed with a pointed weapon and a hostile disposition, wasps are one of Britain's most feared pests. A wasp sting is at best a painful nuisance and at worst, fatal as they can produce a deadly anaphylactic reaction in people who have allergies. Fiercely territorial, wasps will attack if they feel threatened – manageable if it's just one wasp, but when distressed, wasps emit a pheromone which signals nearby colony members to attack. And, unlike bees, a single wasp can sting multiple times.

What are the signs of an infestation?

Fortunately, wasps are seasonal pests, first appearing in spring and reaching their peak in late summer. If you notice a large number of wasps in and around your home and work, it's likely that there is a nest nearby. You can work out where the nest is by (carefully) following the female worker wasps back to their nest.

How can I prevent wasps from invading my space?

Prevention is better than cure, and there are some measures you can take to minimise the likelihood of wasps becoming your summertime neighbours. Inspect areas frequently, as a small nest is easier to remove than a larger one. Check your loft, garages and shed for any small holes and seal gaps with insect mesh, as well as adding light to dark places.



During the warmer months when they are most active, keeping windows shut and installing standard fly screens can help to keep them out of your home.

How to get rid of wasps

Not all nests need to be treated – if they are in a remote part of your garden, then consider if treatment is worth the effort. However, if you have a nest inside your property, then understandably, you want the wasps to buzz off! DIY nest-treatment is not recommended; when provoked, wasps are often aggressive and they will attack as they defend their nest and young.

Professional pest controllers will have the technical knowledge and equipment to treat a nest quickly, efficiently and most importantly, safely with the use of certified pesticides and the appropriate protective equipment.

DID YOU KNOW?

Male wasps are called 'drones' and females are the 'worker' wasps. Only females have a stinger!

