

“Stink Bugs”

Box Elder bugs & Asian Beetles (ladybugs)

Service from \$125

Q & A

- Q) *Where did they come from?*
A) Like most pests they arrived to this area through shipping and commerce.
- Q) *What do they do? Are they harmful?*
A) They mostly feed on plant sap and some various insects. They are not harmful to humans, pets, etc., but considered a class A nuisance pest. The government estimates over 30 million in apple crop damage in 2010.
- Q) *Can they be treated?*
A) Yes, however, complete elimination can take multiple visits and several hundred dollars for small homes.
- Q) *Can I do it myself?*
A) Most of the home remedies involve physically handling each individual insect. Vacuums can speed things up but can get clogged and you will soon know why they're called “stink bugs”. Over the counter products can be helpful but you'll need lots and lots of it plus something to apply it with, could run you up to \$200 or more plus your time, lots of that too! And can be harmful to people, pets, or plants if improperly applied.
- Q) *What do you do?*
A) If you want we can do the several hundred dollar treatment OR a service where we “blanket” the exterior of your home and grounds with product which will kill the bugs after they land on it. It is not a “knockdown” effect, it can take a few hours.

Remember, these fly and will keep coming. You will still see some after a few days, but should also see hundreds if not thousands on the ground dead. Sometimes dead ones will “stick” and need removed from a wall/ceiling etc. Rain and cool evening temps can reduce their movement and may delay them coming in contact with our product. This service will greatly reduce but usually may not eliminate your activity, remember new ones are flying in daily. For this reason I don't guarantee, but only charge time and material with small houses (1200 SF) starting at \$125. It is cheaper than doing it yourself with much better results. Many of our customers do this every fall.

- Q) *What if I have them inside?*
A) Depends. If you have just several, picking them with a tissue or vacuum should be fine. If you have dozens and dozens or hundreds we will need to do an interior treatment which will include an airborne treatment and usually doubles the cost.