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This Is Going To Be Tough Year For Controlling Pests

After years of suffering through the drought in Orange County, it looks like our dry spell finally came to an end this past winter. The heavy rains caused a huge increase of plant and vegetation growth. The rains also contributed to an even larger populations of insects and rodents. When you combine those factors with our current high temperatures, **we may be facing one of the toughest years for controlling pests that we've seen in decades.**

No one wants to have their home or place of business invaded by pests or rodents. There are some who will still reach for a can of "bug spray" when they have a pest problem. But, times are changing and there are many who don't want to unnecessarily expose their family and pets to pesticides.

Pesticides are not the only answer to controlling pests, and there are a lot a lot of things you can do yourself – at little or no costs to you. Here are **some tips to help keep your home pest-free this summer:**

1. **Control excess moisture.** This should always be your **first step** when trying to control a pest problem because **insects and rodents cannot survive without water.** Check for plumbing leaks, roof leaks, leaky rain gutters, etc. Take a look at the ground around your home, and make sure that you aren't overwatering your lawn and plants. Check your sprinkler system and adjust it if needed. Insects and rodents need a lot of

water and if you keep your home as dry as possible, they will find your home a lot less attractive.

2. **Eliminate food sources.** It is important for you to remember that **insects and rodents cannot survive without food.** You can solve a lot of insect and rodent problems by not leaving dirty dishes in the sink, emptying your trash cans daily and keeping your food in sealed containers. Check around your kitchen appliances and cabinets, and you may find food debris in these areas. By cleaning that up, you'll make your kitchen a lot less attractive for pests. Also, if you have pets, don't leave their food and water bowls out at night – these are like an "*all night diner*" for bugs and rodents.
3. **Clean up leaf piles and debris** from around your home. **Insects and rodents cannot survive without a place to live,** and if you'll eliminate their harborage a lot of pests will disappear naturally.
4. **Keep all plants and trees cut back** away from your home. This simple step can be a very effective control measure, and it will discourage pests from entering your home. You should cut all trees back at least 4 feet away from your home, and make sure that none of the tree branches are left hanging over your roof.
5. **Remove fruit bearing plants that attract insects and rodents.** You may also want to remove other plants that harbor honey-dew producing insects (Fig trees,

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60 Years Ago ...

On August 5, 1957, the first episode of American Bandstand was broadcast on ABC TV. The show played a crucial role in introducing famous artists such as Prince, Jackson 5, Sonny and Cher, and Aerosmith.

Remembering A Great Actor

"I kept the same suit for six years and the same dialogue. They just changed the title of the picture and the leading lady."

Robert Mitchum, born August 6, 1917

Rave Reviews!

"I am writing this card to ensure that the crew which worked on my house gets recognized for their excellent work. They were respectful, very friendly and left the house cleaner than they found it after each day's work. They reflected excellently on your company."

Jan Williams and Richard Ronsko
Yorba Linda

"So happy with Termite Terry's service. They previously took care of a major subterranean infestation in our kitchen ceiling and walls. I saw evidence that the little boogers were back so I called on Monday and Tuesday morning Skip Haffke came out to take a look.

It was termite damage but not active. Apparently we had repaired the ceiling too soon after the previous treatment – before all the termites were exterminated. They had time to cause a little more damage before they died. Skip told us how to properly repair the area and watch for more damage so we can feel secure that they are gone.

He spent an hour with us – No Charge – and told us to feel free to call again if we had more concerns. He could have told us we needed further treatment and we would have believed him. Instead he inspected, then explained why we didn't need additional treatment. Integrity you can count on! Thank you Skip."

Virginia Spray
Westminster

"Great customer service! I was able to schedule pest control treatments for one of my tenants in less than 15 minutes. Smooth transition and very affordable. I was told if the pests come back, they would be able to come out and spray again for free!!"

Gabriella Mardis
Costa Mesa

cherry laurel, bamboo, oleander, etc.).

6. **Keep firewood off the ground and store it away from your home.** Also, be sure to check for pests before bringing any firewood inside your home.
7. **Seal up cracks and holes in your home's exterior walls.** This helps to keep pests out of your home and will eliminate places for them to live. Weather stripping around doors and windows will also help to keep pests out.
8. **Inspect the screens on your doors and windows** and repair them if needed. Screens are a very effective way to keep pests out of your home. While you're inspecting your home, don't forget to check the screens in your attic, garage, and subarea vents. These screens are especially important because they keep out birds, rodents, and small animals.
9. **Guard against pest invaders** by checking incoming items for "hitchhiking" bugs. Many types of pests can be brought in with luggage, laundry and groceries. Take a close look before you bring any flowers or plants into your home because you'll often find insects living in them.
10. **Ensure good ventilation** in attics, garages and subareas. An effective ventilation system will help keep these areas dry, will naturally reduce the amount of insects, and will help to prevent mold and mildew problems.
11. **Keep food and garbage in tightly sealed containers.** This is especially important to do at night because this is when many pests are most active.

You'll find that you can use these tips and solve a lot of pest problems without using any pesticides. If an application of a pesticide is still needed, you should select the **least toxic** product, use the **least amount possible**, and **follow all** of the manufacturer's instructions.

Do you have a pest problem that you need help with? **Call us at (949)**

631-7348, and we'll be happy to schedule an appointment at your convenience.

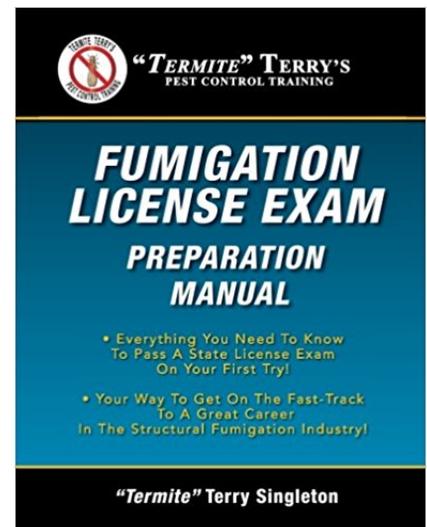
Termite Terry Releases New Book For Fumigators

Termite Terry has just released a new book and it is titled;

Termite Terry's Fumigation License Exam Preparation Manual

This new book was written to give students the necessary information so they can pass the fumigator's license exam, become licensed, and then start working in the structural fumigation industry.

His new book is over 230 pages long and includes everything a person needs to pass their license exam on the first try.



Readers will learn about the various fumigants, the different types of pest to be controlled, fumigation safety, how to prepare for fumigations, how to properly fumigate structures, rules and regulations, and so much more.

Currently, there is a serious shortage of well trained workers in the fumigation industry. Termite Terry's goal for the new book is to help educate students so that the industry can start filling all of those job openings.

Termite Terry has also published

two other books:

Termite Terry's Pest Control License Exam Preparation Manual
and

Termite Terry's Termite License Exam Preparation Manual

All of these books are available at Amazon.com and other fine retailers.

Google's Plan To Eliminate Mosquitoes

Google is now using sterilized mosquitoes to fight the Zika virus, dengue fever and many other diseases.

Verily, formerly known as Google Life Sciences, has built a robot that can raise one million mosquitoes a week and they are using it to produce male mosquitoes that have been infected with a sterilizing bacteria.

The company has just started releasing these sterile mosquitoes in Fresno County. Their plan is to release one million male mosquitoes a week for 20 consecutive weeks.

These modified mosquitoes were originally created 15 years ago by Steven Dobson, of Kentucky-based Mosquito Mate, Inc. He did this by injecting newly laid mosquito eggs with *Wolbachia*, using a tiny needle. *Wolbachia*, a type of bacteria, doesn't infect humans and it can't be transmitted through an insect bite.

Female mosquitoes bite, the males don't. That is why Verily has created an automated sex-sorting process to lower the risk that females do not end up in the mix.

The sterile males are released in a problem area to mate with female mosquitoes in the wild. The resulting eggs will not hatch and that is how they are able to reduce the mosquito population.

These modified mosquitoes are regulated by the EPA, and the agency

says that the altered mosquitoes are not expected to cause any harmful effects to other organisms or endangered species.

President's Economic Stimulus

Everyone in Washington D.C. seems to be focused on what the Russians may or may not have done in the past election. President Termite Terry says that we need to learn the truth. In the meantime, he is going remain focused on getting our economy moving again.

Here are just a few more of your fellow citizens who have benefited from his Economic Stimulus Plan:

- Astrid & Carlos Ramirez of Garden Grove recommended our service to Jesse Mora of La Mirada.
- Otto Deuning of Huntington Beach referred us to Richard Le Francois of Huntington Beach.
- Marci Franklin of Newport Beach recommended our service to Alden Yue of Newport Beach.
- Heather Gokhman of Corona Del Mar is going to get her next pest control service FREE because she referred us to Melanie Stahl of Corona Del Mar.

The President's plan is easy and with your help, we can **double the number of people who get FREE GAS each month**. All you have to do is simply refer us to someone who needs a termite treatment, wood repairs or a monthly pest control service. And, if they hire us, we'll send you a **\$50.00 Gas Card**. That is real economic stimulation you can bank on!

National Navajo Code Talkers Day

National Navajo Code Talkers Day is celebrated on August 14th. This is a special day for us to remember a group of volunteers who were instrumental in helping us win many battles in WWII.

Phillip Johnston had been a WWI veteran, and he knew how important it was for our country to have a code that could not be broken by the enemy. He was the son of a missionary to the Navajos, and growing up he learned the language.

Phillip also knew that the Choctaw Indian language had been used during WWI and in 1942; he suggested to Major General Clayton Vogel that they should use the Navajo's language as code in WWII.

The Navajo's language is an unwritten language which is extremely complex. Its syntax, tonal qualities and dialects can be extremely baffling to anyone who hasn't been taught the language. Another advantage they had with the Navajo language is that messages could be decoded very fast.

Volunteers, who knew both English and Navajo were chosen, and they worked together to create the code within their own language. In May of 1942, the first 29 Navajo recruits were sent to Camp Pendleton and received training in Morse code, semaphore, military-style messages, wire laying, and to learn all about radios. Later, they created their own dictionary.

The Code Talkers were so vital to the Marine Corps during WWII that they had one or two men guarding them at all times. From 1942 to 1945, they took part in every US Marine assault conducted in the Pacific. As Major General Howard Connor said, "Were it not for the Navajos, the Marines would have never taken Iwo Jima". The General had six Navajo Code talkers working around the clock during the first 48 hours of battle. During that battle, they sent, coded, and decoded a total of 800 messages, all with no errors!

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Man Contracts Hantavirus After Staying In Park Cabins

A 22 year-old man has been hospitalized for two weeks after contracting Hantavirus, a rare and potentially fatal rodent-borne respiratory disease. Some believe that the young man, who was a tour guide at the park, may have contracted this disease while staying in the state park's cabins. The exact source of this disease is still unknown and officials are continuing to investigate.

The young man began having symptoms during the Fourth of July weekend. After having consistent headaches for five days, he woke up on day six with a 104 degree fever. A friend suggested that he go to the local emergency room, where the doctor suggested that he was only suffering from the flu. His parents were not convinced, and on the following day they took him to a hospital in their hometown.

As soon as he arrived at the hospital, he started throwing up and his lungs began to fill with fluids. He was rushed to the ICU, where he has been for the last two weeks. The young man is now awake and able to communicate by writing on a whiteboard. He is still breathing through a ventilator due to fluids in his lungs.

Hantavirus is transmitted to humans by fecal droppings and urine left by deer mice. The park's workers are supplied with traps, gloves, and masks, and told to clean up droppings and dispose of any dead mice caught in traps. The young man's family wants the state to take responsibility for risking the safety of park staff members by putting them up in buildings where they know there is the potential of being exposed to this virus.

Since 1993, there have been 690 reported cases of Hantavirus, and 36% of those have resulted in death. Experts recommend that you keep deer mice and all rodents out of your homes or businesses. If you know of a problem, especially with deer mice, please don't attempt to do it yourself. You need to call for professional help, now!



"Termite" Terry Singleton