

Spring Pest Prevention Checklist

Spring is when pest problems start showing up—but most have already been building behind the scenes. If you catch these early, they're usually simple to fix. If you wait, they rarely stay small.



Most pest problems don't start suddenly—they build quietly until you notice them.

Walk around your home and look for:

Exterior Check

- Trees or shrubs touching your house
- Wood piles or debris near the foundation
- Standing water or clogged gutters
- Burrow holes in yard or near structure
- Damaged or missing vent screens
- Gaps along roofline or eaves
- Loose or missing chimney cap

Shelby's Tip:

Vegetation touching your home gives rodents a direct path inside.

Check for small openings pests can use:

Entry Points

- Gaps under garage door
- Cracks around pipes, cables, or vents
- Worn or missing door sweeps
- Unsealed crawlspace access
- Any visible daylight through siding or vents

Shelby's Tip:

Mice can fit through a gap the size of a dime.

Early Warning Signs (Inside)

Watch for:

- Droppings in cabinets, pantry, or garage
- Scratching sounds in walls or attic
- Ants in kitchen or bathrooms
- Chew marks on wires or wood
- Spider activity in corners or garage
- Unusual odors or nesting material

Shelby's Tip:

These signs usually mean activity is already established.



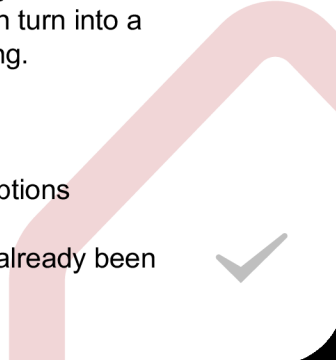
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What Happens If You Wait?

Most pest problems don't stay small—they grow. What starts as a few ants or light activity can turn into a larger issue within weeks, especially in spring.

- Ants spread into walls and kitchens
- Rodents begin nesting and multiplying
- Birds establish nests, limiting removal options

In many cases, by the time it's obvious, it's already been building for a while.



Spring-Specific Activity

- Bird activity near vents or roof
- New burrows in yard
- Increased ants after rain
- Rodents becoming more active after winter
- Bird or Bat droppings along roofline, near entry ways or along perimeter of home

 **Shelby's Tip:**

Once birds start nesting, removal options become limited.

The earlier you catch it, the simpler and more affordable it is to fix.

Local Insight

In Northern California, pest activity typically increases within the first few warm weeks after winter—especially after rain.

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If you're seeing early signs, this is the best time to take care of it before it spreads.

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