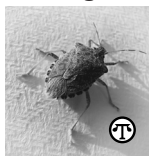


HINTS FOR THE HOME

Stink Bugs

(NAPSA)—Notorious for their “smelly” reputation and shieldlike appearance, stink bugs are invading homes for the winter, leaving homeowners looking for ways to ward them off. And learning how to properly dispose of these pests—which tend to release an odor when disturbed or crushed—is as important as preventing them from entering the home.



Courtesy of the National Pest Management Association

A “stinky” situation? Stink bugs aren’t harmful, but they can be an odoriferous nuisance. Although stink bugs do not pose health or property risks, their presence can be unsightly and a potentially odoriferous inconvenience for homeowners. To prevent them from entering homes and buildings, the National Pest Management Association (NPMA) recommends repairing torn screens and sealing cracks around windows, doors, siding, utility pipes, behind chimneys and underneath wood fascia and other openings.

If stink bugs have already entered a home or building, a vacuum cleaner can aid in the removal of them. Avoid crushing these pests as this also releases the skunklike odor. It’s important to dispose of the bag or container contents quickly to avoid any lingering smell. Homeowners can also work with a licensed pest professional to remediate severe stink bug infestations and to target entry points for these and other household pests seeking shelter for the winter.

To learn more about stink bugs or to find a pest professional in your area, visit www.pestworld.org.