

# Stink Bug Prevention

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## It's that time of year again!

As most of you may have noticed we are under attack by the brown marmorated stink bug here at Lake Barrington Shores.



While these prehistoric looking insects won't physically hurt you, they can create a foul smelling odor when squished and are an agricultural pest that can cause widespread damage to fruit and vegetable crops. These bugs begin invading homes when the seasons change and the weather gets colder. They are looking to stowaway for the winter in your warm and cozy abode. They will enter under siding, into soffits, around window and door frames, chimneys, or any space which has openings big enough to fit through. Once inside the

house, they will go into a state of hibernation. The bugs wait for winter to pass, but often the warmth inside the house causes them to become active, and they may fly clumsily around light fixtures. Once in your home should you see one, or a few, do not squish them. You can make a stink bug trap by cutting the top off of a plastic bottle and turning it over creating a funnel.

Simply hold the funnel under the bugs (if they're above you or on a wall) and they will fall in the funnel. From there you can dump them into a bucket of water which will eliminate them instantly.



You can also suck them up with a vacuum and dispose of outside right away. Another

method you can use, and from my personal experience is the most effective and least expensive, is to take a plastic spray bottle and fill with hot water, dish soap and a little bit of vinegar.



Spray around doors and windows or anywhere else a stink bug could sneak in. You can also use this mixture to kill them on contact. The pesticide sprays maintenance uses for ants and bees do not work on these bugs and we are unable to accept work orders for stink bugs.