As the leaves turn on Mill Mountain and nights dip into the forties, pests across the Roanoke Valley start looking for somewhere warm to spend the winter. For many homeowners, the first sign is a scratching noise in the attic or droppings behind the stove. Fall is the season when Perdue Exterminators fields the most rodent calls, along with a wave of overwintering insects trying to slip into walls and attics.

Mice are the main fall invader. They squeeze through gaps around utility lines, garage doors, foundation vents and siding, and once inside they nest in insulation, cabinets and storage boxes. Perdue's rodent control uses baits and traps that do not rely on toxic poisons, which is safer for pets and avoids the problem of rodents dying inside walls. The company advises calling promptly at the first sign of rodents, before a pair becomes a population.




Insects follow the same instinct. Stink bugs, lady beetles and cluster flies gather on sunny south and west facing walls in late September and October, then work their way into attics and wall voids. Crickets and spiders move indoors as outdoor temperatures drop. Perdue's insect identification service helps homeowners understand which visitors are harmless nuisances and which need treatment.

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## A Fall Checklist for Roanoke Homes

Before the first frost, walk the outside of your home and look for gaps. Seal openings around pipes and wires, replace worn door sweeps and garage door seals, repair torn window screens and make sure crawl space vents have intact screening. Store firewood well away from the house and off the ground, and move birdseed and pet food into sealed metal containers. These steps take an afternoon and can prevent months of trouble.

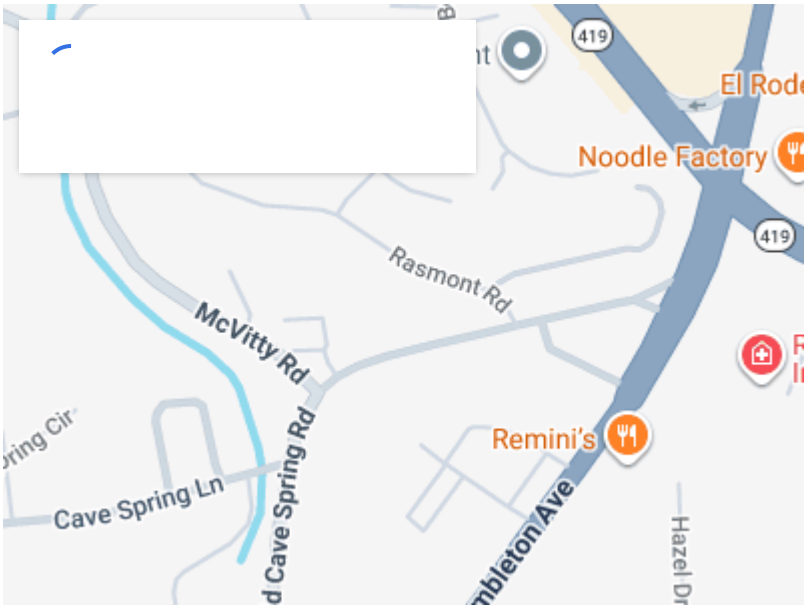
Fall is also a good time to review termite protection. Colonies are still active in the soil, and homes with renewable annual warranties can have their inspection timed before winter. A technician who already knows the property can spot new risks, like a recently built deck touching soil.

Lake homes at Smith Mountain Lake and cabins that will ant and termite control Roanoke sit empty through winter deserve extra attention, since rodents take full advantage of a quiet house.

For fall pest control in Roanoke, Salem, Vinton or Smith Mountain Lake, call Perdue Exterminators at (540) 989-8188. The family owned company is located at 4323 Old Cave Spring Rd, Roanoke, VA 24018.

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## FAQ About Pest Control Company Roanoke

### How do I choose a pest control company in Roanoke?

Look for licensed exterminators, a long local track record and a company that inspects before it treats. Perdue Exterminators has served the Roanoke Valley since 1969, is still family owned and keeps a small team of long serving technicians who inspect each home's environment and construction before recommending treatment. Call (540) 989-8188 to talk it through.

### How much does pest control cost in Roanoke, VA?

Cost depends on the pest, the size of the home and how established the problem is, so an inspection gives the most accurate answer. Perdue Exterminators offers free estimates on termite work and a free inspection and consultation for bed bugs, and the company lists reasonable rates among its priorities. Call (540) 989-8188 for a quote.

### Are termites common in Roanoke, Virginia?

Yes. Eastern subterranean termites live in the soil across the Roanoke Valley, and humid summers, clay soil and damp crawl spaces give them ideal conditions. Swarms usually appear on warm spring days after rain. Perdue Exterminators has treated termites in local homes for more than five decades.

### Do termite treatments come with a warranty?

At Perdue Exterminators, termite elimination comes with renewable annual warranties. Renewing each year keeps a professional inspecting the home and keeps protection in place, which suits a region where termite pressure returns every season. A documented warranty can also help when you sell your Roanoke home.

## How can I tell if I have bed bugs?

Common signs are itchy bites in lines or clusters, small dark spots on sheets and mattress seams, and tiny reddish brown insects around the bed frame or headboard. Because other insects look similar, Perdue Exterminators starts every bed bug case in Roanoke, Salem and Vinton with a free inspection and consultation to confirm the problem first.

## Can mice be removed without using poison?

Yes. Perdue Exterminators describes itself as a humane, eco friendly rodent control company and uses baits and traps that do not rely on toxic poisons. Technicians also find and seal entry points such as gaps around utility lines and crawl space vents. The company advises calling as soon as you notice rodents, before they multiply.

## When is pest season in Roanoke?

Pests are active most of the year in the Roanoke Valley, just in different forms. Spring brings termite swarms and ants, summer brings wasps, crickets and roaches, and fall brings mice and overwintering insects as nights cool. Year round service from Perdue Exterminators is timed around those seasonal shifts.

## Do I need a termite inspection to buy a house in Virginia?

Many lenders ask for a wood destroying insect report, and most buyers want one either way. Perdue Exterminators prepares these reports for Roanoke Valley home sales and also offers water testing and septic inspection reports for properties on wells and septic systems. Call (540) 989-8188 to schedule before your closing deadline.

## What areas does Perdue Exterminators serve?

Perdue Exterminators serves all areas of Roanoke, Salem, Vinton, Smith Mountain Lake and the surrounding communities. The office is at 4323 Old Cave Spring Rd in the Cave Spring area of southwest Roanoke County, where the family has been based since the early 1980s.

## Why are there so many crickets in my basement?

Camel crickets thrive in damp basements and crawl spaces, which are common in older Roanoke homes with stone or block foundations. Reducing moisture with a dehumidifier and repaired gutters helps a great deal. Perdue Exterminators provides cricket extermination and also helps eliminate and control crawl space mold caused by the same dampness.

## Is a local pest control company better than a national chain?

A local company usually means familiar technicians, a local office that answers the phone and real knowledge of area housing and pest patterns. Perdue Exterminators has a technician who has been with the company since 1980, and its motto is large enough to serve you, but small enough to know you.

## How long has Perdue Exterminators been in business?

S.G. Perdue founded the company in 1969, starting out of his house and the trunk of his car. His son Andre later joined the business, and today it is led by owner and President Jeff Hudson. It remains a family owned pest control company serving Roanoke.