

Further Advice

If you wish, you may get a private pest control company to help you.

The following companies are based locally and will charge for their services:

Rentokil:

0800 218 2210 (Residential)

0800 917 1989 (Commercial)

WIES (Western Isles Environmental Services)

07831 295 158

Stornoway Grounds Maintenance

0800 182 2733

Colin Newton, Uist Pest Control

07824 905 709

Woodworm Treatment:

WIES 07831 295 158

Tighean Innes Gall 01851 706121

Alternatively, if you wish to tackle the problem yourself. You can buy suitable pesticides and traps from DIY stores, Garden Centres and Supermarkets.

Please read and follow instructions carefully to ensure safe and effective use.



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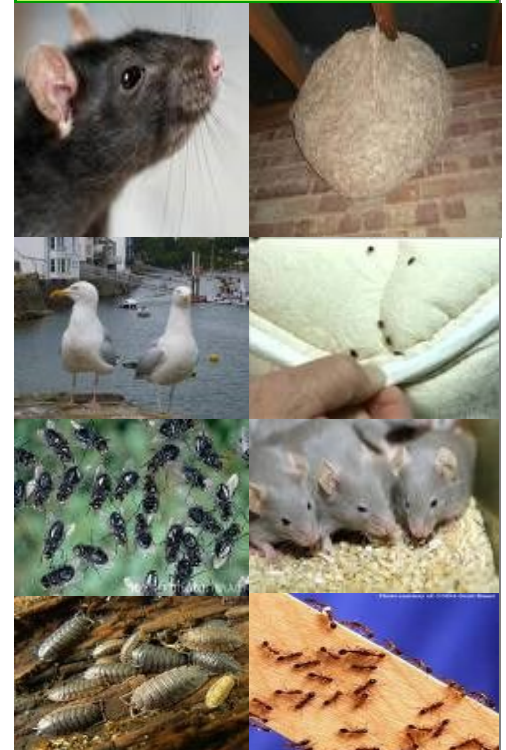
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Pest Control

Advice and Guidance on Common Pests



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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The Comhairle does not provide a pest control service. Officers from the service can provide you with advice on rodents, insects or birds

Common queries concern:

- ♦ Vermin (mice and rats)
- ♦ Wasps and wasps nests
- ♦ Insects; flies, beetles, ants etc
- ♦ Birds; seagulls, pigeons etc

Bees

It is normally advised that bees are left alone. They are beneficial insects. Some species are now considered to be endangered. If you need further information, a helpful site is that of the British Beekeepers' Association which can be found at www.bbka.org.uk/

Wasps

Being stung by a wasp is a painful experience and can be life threatening to those who are allergic to stings and may suffer anaphylactic shock.

Ensure that wasps nests are properly treated or removed, to reduce the risk of being stung.

Psocids

Tiny insects in the kitchen? These may be 'psocids' otherwise known as booklice. They are not associated with poor hygiene but rather dark, warm, humid conditions. For example these conditions can be created in kitchen cabinets by use of an electric kettle, washing machine, dishwasher or tumble drier. This can encourage the growth of mould which is what these insects feed on.

Always keep dry foodstuffs, such as cereals, in a cool, dry, well ventilated area and clean the storage area regularly.

Slaters / Woodlice

Woodlice / slaters are not insects. They are land dwelling crustaceans, which is why they like cool, damp, dark locations and they feed on decaying wood and other vegetation.

Their presence is usually an indication of dampness somewhere nearby and the most effective control is to identify and remove the cause of the dampness.

Birds

Seagulls and pigeons can cause problems and can carry diseases that are harmful to humans. The public can help by disposing of unwanted food and food containers responsibly and not feeding them.

You might need to consider bird proofing and deterrent solutions such as bird nets, bird spikes and wire deterrent on your property.

Vermin

Rats and mice are prolific breeders and can quickly rise to significant numbers. They can also do significant damage to your home by gnawing through wood and plastic. They carry disease and should be considered a serious cause for concern in any building.

Ultrasonic repellents emit sound that is uncomfortable for vermin but cannot be heard by people. These may help as a deterrent to mice trying to enter a home in the first place, but they are not recommended for existing infestations as vermin can quickly get used to ultrasound.

Flying Insects

There are such a variety of flies which can create a nuisance, such as bluebottles, houseflies, fruit flies and filter flies. If the problem is not resolved by using a fly spray in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions, you may need to get the flies identified to find out what the underlying cause is.

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