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## National Carpenter Ant Awareness Week Coming

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National Carpenter Ant Awareness Week will be held June 22-23. Because carpenter ants are one of the most destructive and difficult to control insects in the world, local pest controller Jerry Batzner created National Carpenter Ant Awareness Week several years ago. In fact, this ant species has surpassed cockroaches as the "Number One" pest in the U.S.A., according to the National Pest Management Association.

Batzner, president of a long-established Milwaukee area pest control company bearing his family name, says, "Carpenter ants are a common sight around Wisconsin homes throughout the year. Although their natural nesting sites are in trees, these ants can also invade indoors and can cause damage over a period of years because nests are so long-lived."

Carpenter ants are one of the largest in size of ant species and can be 1/4 to 3/8 inch long. Although their most common color is black, they can be reddish or yellowish in color as well. They have a pinched waist, elbowed antennae, a single bump or node between the abdomen and thorax, and an evenly rounded thorax (when viewed from the side).

If there's a nest already inside a home or business, swarms of winged ants often are seen trying to escape through a window. This is usually the first clue that there is a problem. "The only way to eliminate them is to destroy their nests," says Batzner.

"They can actually be actively building their nest for years before a home or business owner detects their presence.

"If you see signs, it's a good idea to call in a pest management company. A highly trained pest management professional will perform a careful inspection, assess the situation, and apply the proper treatment."

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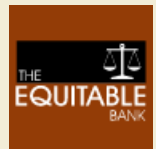
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