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Batzner Reminds You to Watch Out for "The Pests of Spring"

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After a long, hard winter, spring has finally sprung in Wisconsin and it's time for a fresh start! But with the first breezes of spring, you'll probably find some unwanted visitors on your doorstep and they can potentially cause your property some significant structural damage. They can even threaten your health. They include carpenter ants looking for soft, wet wood to feast on; wasps and bees, needing a new home of their own; plus centipedes, millipedes, fleas, spiders, squirrels, earwigs and the like.

"Field voles or raccoons can destroy your landscaping. So can shrews with poisonous toxins in their saliva. They all join rats and mice, which hang around throughout the year but multiply prolifically outside when the weather gets warmer," says Jerry Batzner, president of the company bearing his family name.

These invaders can enter through tiny holes in a structure's foundation, plumbing or a shed. Insect eggs can be transported on clothing or furnishings.

"Pest management companies can stop these pests from causing illness, destroying homes and property and contaminating food. We'll get rid of these nuisance visitors for you. And we'll do it by utilizing integrated pest management (IPM), a control program that over recent years has relied less on the use of pesticides and more on baits, traps, sanitation, and exclusion techniques," he says.

His company calls their IPM program the B.A.N. (Balanced As Nature) System™, which guarantees continuous pest protection.

"Many people contact us because they're concerned about pests in general. They've never had an infestation of any kind and don't want to take a chance on one. We'll scout their property for entry points, and plug these up after we've taken appropriate pest management steps," he explains.

"We were among the first professional pest control firms in Wisconsin to develop and implement a successful IPM program," he says. "Going green has never been so important. Our goal is to help our world become a much healthier place. We're the only company officially able to provide QualityProGreen™ and Green Shield Certified™ services in the state. These certifications mandate that we not only follow guidelines as to how we provide our green services, but also ensure that we employ non-chemical ways to eliminate pests. As part of these programs, we are audited by an independent third party to make sure we're following the practices and guidelines set forth by each."

Batzner's company has been in business for more than 60 years and has been a family owned business for all that time. Along with Milwaukee, they have service centers in Fond du Lac, Oshkosh, Racine and Madison.

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