It usually happens on a warm spring afternoon after rain. You walk into a sunroom or basement and find dozens of small, dark insects with long translucent wings crawling on the window, or a scattering of wings on the sill. For many Roanoke homeowners, this is the first sign of termites, and it is natural to feel a jolt of panic. The good news is that a calm, methodical response makes a real difference, and Perdue Exterminators has walked plenty of local families through it.



First, confirm what you are seeing. Termite swarmers have straight antennae, a thick waist and two pairs of wings of equal length. Flying ants have elbowed antennae, a pinched waist and front wings longer than the back pair. Collect a few insects in a sealed bag or jar, or take a close up photo. Perdue offers insect identification, so a technician can tell you quickly which one you have.

Second, do not reach for a can of bug spray. Killing the swarmers does nothing to the colony, which is underground or inside the structure. It can also make it harder for an inspector to find the source. Vacuum up the *Roanoke pest control* insects if you need to, but leave mud tubes and damaged wood untouched so they can be examined.

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Why Swarmers Indoors Matter

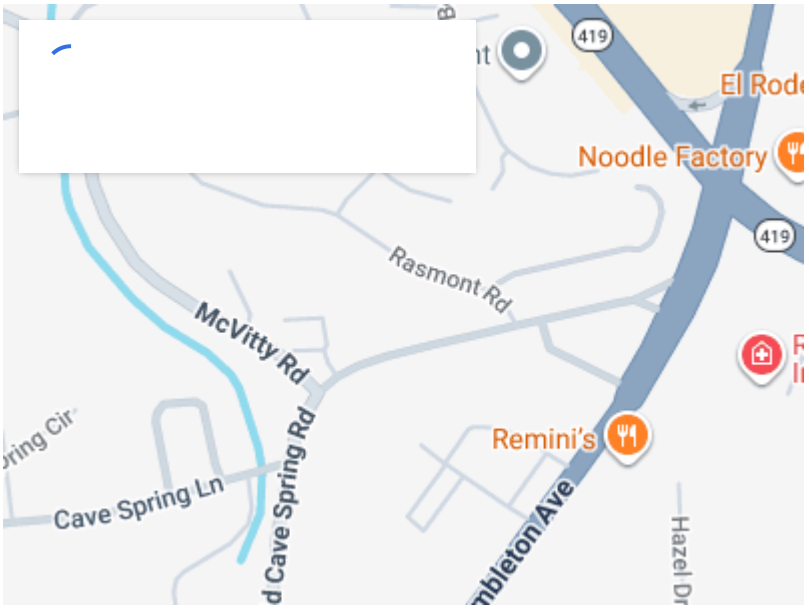
Swarmers emerging inside the house generally mean a mature eastern subterranean termite colony is active nearby, often feeding in the structure itself. In the Roanoke Valley, humid soil and damp crawl spaces make this a common situation, particularly in older homes with wood touching soil. Termites multiply rapidly, so acting promptly limits the damage they can do to joists, sill plates and subflooring.

Third, schedule a professional inspection. Perdue's licensed exterminators inspect the home's environment and construction to identify where termites are entering and what is attracting them, then recommend a course of action aimed at stopping the problem at the source. Estimates for termite work are free, and termite elimination comes with renewable annual warranties to keep protection in place in future seasons.

Finally, look at moisture around the house. Clean gutters, extend downspouts away from the foundation, fix leaks and pull mulch and firewood away from siding. These steps will not eliminate an active colony, but they reduce the conditions that attract termites in the first place.

If you have found termite swarmers in Roanoke, Salem, Vinton or Smith Mountain Lake, call Perdue Exterminators at (540) 989-8188. The family owned company has served the valley since 1969 from 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.