The Wood-Boring Beetle Prevention Guide

How to Prevent Wood-Boring Beetles from Damaging Your Home

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OVERVIEW



Wood-boring beetles are pests that, while beneficial to forests as they eat weak trees and encourage new growth, can cause damage to homes, commercial buildings, and furniture. The larvae, known as woodworms, can cause undetected damage as they slowly eat their way through lumber.

The best way to contain a wood-boring beetle infestation is to prevent it from occurring. Use this guide to learn how to prevent wood-boring beetles from entering and damaging your home.

Already have wood-boring beetles? Read our guide on how to get rid of wood-boring beetles to learn how to treat the infestation.

Click on one of the methods below to learn about preventing wood-boring beetles, or continue reading how to prevent wood-boring beetles in all three ways.

- Inspect Wood Before it Enters the Home
- Treat Unfinished Wood
- Reduce Mositure in the Home

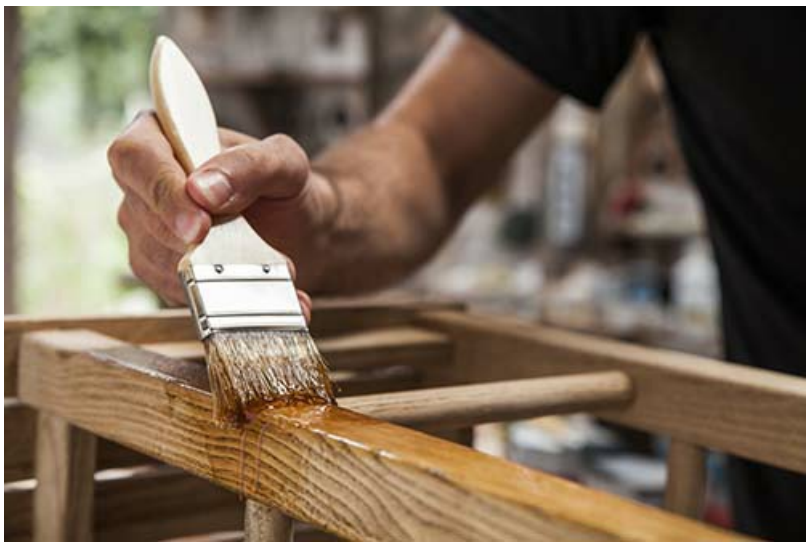
STEP 1 Inspect Wood Before It Enters the Home



Wood-boring beetles can unknowingly be brought into the home in firewood, wooden boards, or furniture. Be sure to inspect any new wood brought into the home for emergence holes. If the wood does have emergence holes, remove the wood from the home.

Firewood should be stored away from the home until needed. Use kiln dried firewood and heat-treated lumber if possible.

STEP 2 Treat Unfinished Wood



If you are worried about bringing wood-boring beetles into a building through new wood, you can treat the wood with a borate-based product. Borate, the active ingredient in Bora-Care and Tim-bor, will penetrate the wood, killing woodworms as they eat the chemical.

See step 2 in our how to get rid of wood-boring beetles guidefor more information on mixing and applying borate-based products to wood.

Products needed for Step 2



Bora-Care
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STEP 3 Reduce Moisture in the Home



Wood-boring beetles and woodworms are attracted to moisture. The central air in most buildings will regulate the air enough to combat moisture in most cases, but if you do have areas of the home that are hot and humid, take steps to regulate the moisture.

- Make sure the humid area is properly ventilated
- Remove any dripping or leaking water from the area
- Use a dehumidifier if needed to remove excess moisture from the room

We hope you have found this guide helpful. If you are unsure if you have wood-boring beetles, read our guide on what wood-boring beetles look like. Where do wood-boring beetles hide will further explore where the pests can be found in the home. And how to get rid of wood-boring beetles will cover the treatment steps to remove wood-boring beetles from your home.

Have questions about any of the products or treatment methods mentioned in this guide? Give our customer service team a call at 866-581-7378 or email us at support@domyown.com.