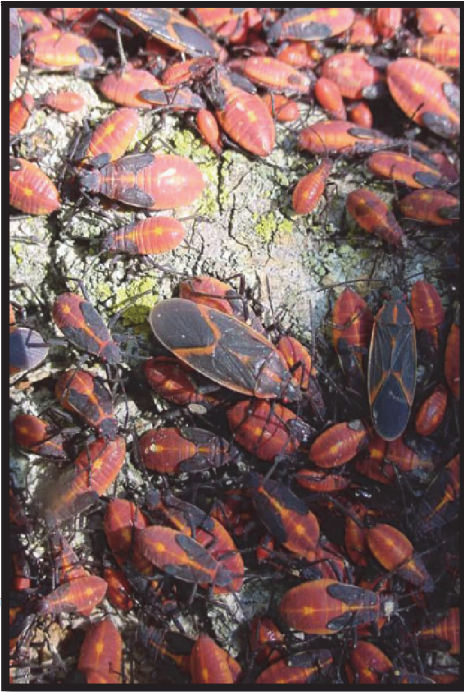


Pest Alert

Boxelder Bugs

Boxelder Bug Control Depends On Timing



Boxelder bugs overwinter in soil and plant materials and emerge as adults in the spring as weather warms. Outdoors they are not a major plant pest. The insect becomes an issue with homeowners when they try to move indoors in the fall, searching for overwintering sites.

Boxelder bugs lay eggs that hatch in late July and become a problem when the insects look for shelter in cracks and crevices on houses as weather cools. When they enter a home in large numbers they can become a nuisance, staining curtains and walls with their excrement. Crushing Boxelder bugs can leave a large red stain on walls or curtains.

The most effective control of Boxelder bugs is stopping them before they enter a home. This can be done by sealing cracks and gaps in windows and doors, or by applying a chemical barrier around the home that kills them before they enter your house

Outdoors, **Bonide Ant Killer Granules** creates an effective barrier to the insects as they climb up from the ground, seeking a way in. **Bonide Ant, Roach and Spider Killer** is an aerosol product that's also effective to create a barrier around windows and doors, both indoors and out. If the insect becomes a problem indoors, these Bonide products are labeled for control in homes: **Household Insect Control RTU**, **Household Insect Fogger**, and **Cyper Eight** concentrate.

Effective management and exclusion outdoors significantly reduces the number of insects that will be a problem indoors.

Boxelder Bug Facts:

- Enter homes seeking warmth to overwinter
- Insects do not reproduce inside homes
- Can exist as nymph, or adult during the same time of year
- *Can stain curtains or walls when crushed or through excrement*
- Best time to control is in late summer and early fall when insects are massing around the exterior of dwellings
- To remove dead insects indoors, vacuum and remove vacuum bag immediately afterward to avoid unpleasant odor

Bonide Boxelder Bug Control Products



Ant Killer Granules	Ant, Roach & Spider Killer	Cyper Eight®	Household Insect Control /Foggers
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creates a barrier around your house to prevent insects from invading • Works on all home invading insects • Lasts up to 4 weeks • Permethrin 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indoor/Outdoor • Acts as a barrier to prevent insects from coming in • Kills insects indoors • Fast knockdown • Lasts up to 4 weeks • Fast acting • Tetraperm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact and residual action • Economical Cypermethrin concentrate • Creates barrier around windows and doors • Will not stain • University recommended for stinkbug control 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RTU Lasts up to 4 months • Odorless and water based • Non-staining • Can be used outdoors and indoors as directed • Deltamethrin • Fogger treats 6,000 Cu. ft.