

# Pest Alert – Carpenter Bees

## Carpenter Bees Are Common Now

Carpenter bees are so named because they excavate galleries in wood to create nest sites. They do not consume wood. Rather, they feed on pollen and nectar. Carpenter bees are important pollinators of flowers and trees. Carpenter bees typically are just nuisance pests that cause cosmetic rather than structural damage to wood.

Carpenter bees are robust. They are three-fourths to one-inch long, black, with a metallic sheen. The thorax is covered with bright yellow, orange, or white hairs, and the upper side of the abdomen is black, glossy, and bare.

Carpenter bees resemble bumble bees, except bumble bees have dense yellow hairs on the abdomen and large pollen baskets on the hind legs. Various species of bumble bees and carpenter bees are similar in size. Bumble bees typically nest in the ground whereas carpenter bees nest in wood.

**Bonide Products** offers an effective and easy to use insecticide to control this destructive pest.

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## Carpenter Bee Control with Bonide



### Termite & Carpenter Ant Aerosol

- Fast acting aerosol
- Kills bees as they fly in and out of nesting area
- Safe to use indoors and outdoors
- Snorkel tube allows spray to penetrate



### Carpenter Bee Facts:

- Carpenter bees do not eat wood; they excavate holes to lay eggs.
- Carpenter bees return to the same nesting sites for multiple years.
- Only female carpenter bees sting.
- *Because of their size, carpenter bees may need multiple applications of insecticide to be controlled effectively.*
- Carpenter bees resemble bumble bees but nest in wood and not in the ground.
- Carpenter bee populations can rise and fall based on winter severity and food availability.
- Bonide offers excellent controls for carpenter bees.