

# WASP 101

## MOST COMMON WASPS

**HORNETS  
(YELLOW JACKETS)**



**PAPER WASPS**



**MUD DAUBERS**



## APPEARANCE

- Hairless (unlike bees)
- Three distinct body parts
- Slender waist

## PEAK SEASONS

- Summer
- Early autumn

## PREVENTION

- **Inspect, identify and seal potential entry points and nesting sites** (a pest control professional can help).
- **Trim back bushes, shrubs and trees** to remove potential nesting sites.
- Keep food in **airtight containers** and **clean up spills** during outdoor activities to reduce food sources.
- **Cover trash with tight-fitting lids** to prevent wasps' access.

## NESTS

### HORNETS (YELLOW JACKETS)



- Made of plant materials
- Multi-layered and wrapped in a paper-like envelop
- Typically found in hollow trees, wall voids, inside structures like sheds, garages and attics
- Some nest in the ground, typically in areas clear of vegetation

### PAPER WASPS



- Made of paper-like material
- Single-layered and umbrella-shaped, with short stem cells exposed
- Typically attached to fences, tree branches, twigs, eaves, door and window frames

### MUD DAUBERS



- Made of mud
- Created side-by-side to form a cluster
- Built in sheltered sites like building structures and walls

Wasps are often territorial, can be aggressive and become dangerous in large numbers. So, remember to **always consult a trained professional** when dealing with these stinging insects or their nests. **If you notice wasp activity or see a nest, call Orkin Canada for an evaluation of your property and customized treatment plan.**