

# BITING & STINGING PESTS

Swatting away biting and stinging pests should not be on your list of to-dos' this summer. These pests can put a damper on any backyard barbecue or outdoor adventure, and identifying which pests are a problem is the first step to keeping pesky pests from making your backyard into their home.



## Ticks

**Size:** 1 mm – 1 cm

**Color:** Gray, reddish brown or dark brown

**Habitat:** Latch on clothing, skin and fur

**Health Risks:** Lyme disease, Colorado tick fever, Babesiosis, fever, chills and rashes

**Prevention:** Keep grass mowed and trim back tree branches.



## European Fire Ants

**Size:** 3-15 mm

**Color:** Reddish brown

**Habitat:** Dry fields, sunny spots and sod

**Health Risks:** Red, itchy bumps, blisters and Anaphylaxis (in severe cases)

**Prevention:** Reduce excessive soil and clutter as these are attractive areas to ants.



## Bees & Wasps

**Size:** 2 mm – 3.9 cm

**Color:** Black or brown with red, yellow or lustrous blue stripes

**Habitat:** Near flowers, plant life and food or drinks spilled outdoors; location of nests varies by species.

**Health Risks:** Swollen, red bumps, bacterial infection, toxic reaction, pain and itching

**Prevention:** Talk to your pest control provider. Special licenses may be required to remove or relocate nests on your property.



## Mosquitoes

**Size:** 3-15 mm

**Color:** Reddish brown

**Habitat:** Any area with standing water and shady areas

**Health Risks:** Swollen, itchy bumps, Zika virus, Chikungunya Virus and West Nile virus

**Prevention:** Remove sources of standing water and wear approved mosquito repellent to help prevent bites.



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**Call your local Orkin Canada branch to learn how you can protect your property from biting and stinging insects.**

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