

Chandler Pest Control

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Integrated Pest Management

The primary goal of an **IPM** program is to prevent pest problems by managing the home environment in such a way as to make it less conducive to pest infestation. The most universal approach to pest control has been the application of pesticides, which is necessary as a preventive or remedial measure, but they have limited long-term effect when used alone. Chandler Pest Control will begin incorporating **IPM** as a line of attack that combines housekeeping, maintenance and pest control services to control pests and minimize the use of pesticides.

In order for a successful **IPM** program we need our customers to work with our service technicians who will now have the added duties to spot circumstances that contribute to current pest problems or conditions that are perfect for future pests. You will now see on the back of your invoices our new Integrated Pest Management Checklist identifying conditions that exist and the simple things that can be done to help alleviate those pests. Below is what will be on the back of your invoice please make recommended changes.

<input type="checkbox"/> Inspected building & grounds for pest evidence – cracks in crevices or gaps around windows or doors allow pests access into the home. <i>(example)</i>	Comments:
<input type="checkbox"/> Vegetation management – overgrowth creates a hiding place for mice, rats & other pests.	Comments:
<input type="checkbox"/> Removing debris from around home – debris becomes a harborage for pests	Comments:
<input type="checkbox"/> Repairing any leaks – creates standing water which allow mosquitoes to breed and attracts other pests as well.	Comments:
<input type="checkbox"/> Sanitation - Many pest problems can be prevented or corrected by using proper sanitation and reducing clutter.	Comments:
<input type="checkbox"/> Other	Comments:

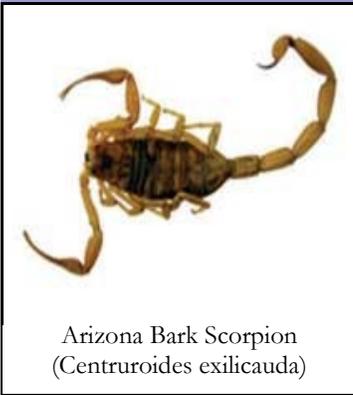


Chandler Pest Control's President, Dennis Stover with his number one Tech Nicholas Rimarcik !

There is no “magic wand” in pest management but with the help our customers long term results can be achieved.

Many Arizona school districts have implemented IPM methods to protect our children and we at Chandler Pest Control feel it is a smart and responsible move in the pest control industry.

Let's make taking care of your pests a team effort!



Arizona Bark Scorpion
(*Centruroides exilicauda*)



Scorpion illuminated under a
blacklight



Female scorpion carrying
scorplings on her back,



Desert Hairy Scorpion is the
largest scorpion in
North America, reaching
lengths of 6 inches.
(*Hadrurus arizonensis*)

Scorpion Report

There are roughly 1,300 species of scorpions worldwide and Arizona is the home to a minimum of **40** different species. Scorpions are nocturnal and lie in wait to attack their prey sensing their approach. Scorpions are basically blind but have great hearing and their body hairs detect air and ground vibrations.

Scorpions feed off many types of insects, spiders, centipedes, and other scorpions. Larger scorpions have been known to sting and feed on vertebrates of smaller lizards, snakes, and mice. Controlling the food source aka insects will help keep the scorpion population down.

Scorpions occasionally enter houses and some experts say that it happens most often in newly developed areas (those less than three years old), due to the scorpions' territory being disturbed or destroyed by construction. If a scorpion is found inside a home, it is suggested that the residents contact a professional pest control company. It is also a good idea to make sure none of the bedding touches the floor and to safeguard a baby's crib by placing a jar under each leg. Scorpions cannot climb up clean glass. Homeowners can also help themselves by black-lighting of the house and yard. Scorpions glow brightly under blacklight and can be seen even several yards away when the ultraviolet light hits them. It is important to be properly dressed in boots and gloves and once you have killed the scorpion use long tongs to pick them up.

Experts state that along with insecticides to help control scorpions it is important to incorporate a plan of at-

tack by making a few changes around the outside of the home:

- Remove all possible habitats such as: trash, logs, boards, stones, bricks from around the building.
- Keep grass closely mowed; trim bushes and overhanging tree branches. Tree branches can provide a path to the roof for scorpions. Minimize low growing ground cover vegetation.
- Store garbage can in a frame that allows them to rest above ground level.
- Never bring firewood inside the building unless it is placed directly on the fire.
- Install weather-stripping around loose fitting doors and windows.
- Plug weep holes in brick veneer with steel wool, pieces of nylon scouring pad or small squares of screen wire.
- Caulk around roof eaves, pipes and any other cracks into the building.
- Keep window screens in good repair and that they fit tightly in the window.
- By managing the scorpion food source, you will manage the scorpion population.

How do you know if you are stung by a scorpion? Symptoms are pain, burning sensation, a little swelling and slight numbness. Wash the area with soap and water. Treat the area with a ice pack for 10 minutes and then remove for another ten minutes. Repeat as necessary. This should help ease the pain.

However, if you experience hyperactivity, blurry vision, muscle twitching, tingling of the extremities or roving eye movements, the sting may be poisonous and you need to call the Poison Control Center at (800) 362-0101 or (602) 253-3334.

Chandler Pest Control Queen Creek/San Tan Branch Office



It is not necessary to spray the inside of the home every month, as the materials are not subjected to the same environmental factors present outside. Most of the pests that we encounter inside come from the outside. A good job is done outside you should not see a problem indoors. Spraying inside every month could also lead to resistance with some insect species. If you have any problems between service visits, we will come and treat the problem area at no charge.

Meet the folks from the branch office of Chandler Pest Control serving the Queen Creek/San Tan area. From left to right is Dawn, Tom & Kelly. They are a terrific addition to the Chandler Pest Control Team!!!

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Early Bird Special

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Your Bugs are Going Down!
