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- Not all termite treatments are the same?

Read the stories to find out more!

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- Termites
- Carpenter Ants

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CASTLEGUARD AT YOUR SERVICE

A LETTER FROM JOHN FRAYSIER

Thanks to the encouragement and prodding of many of you, I have decided to open a second business, Castleguard Pest Management. I have missed some of the "hands on" service of pest management over the past few years. November marks my first services in this new endeavor.

With so many pest control companies out there, what distinguishes Castleguard as your premiere company? I'm glad you asked!

Our three watch words are Safety, Honesty, Effectiveness.

Safety: Safety first for people, pets, and the environment. This translates to a conservative use of materials to control pests. Environmental adjustments, mechanical traps, and baits are all non intrusive methods we use for pest elimination.

Honesty: I won't sell people something they don't need, and I will deliver the services that are promised with full



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guarantees.

For a modest fee, "house calls" are made to evaluate a pest problem. For the do it yourselfer, recommendations are made. For those wanting our service, the "house call" is free.

Effectiveness: The bottom line for anyone paying for a service! Callbacks are cov-

ered free of charge during the guarantee period. If the problem is not resolved during that time, we refund your money.

Fraysier Home Inspections will continue the Pest Inspections, and Castleguard now gets rid of the pests!

SUBTERRANEAN SECRETS: TERMITE TIPS

How do termites get into homes? We'll answer this first by finding out how they get into your yard.

Each Spring about in April in western New York, the termite swarm occurs. These flying insects will pair off,

mate, and begin new colonies. They are carried by the wind for many miles. If they land in your yard, that can be the beginning of trouble.

More commonly in our area, termites are transported in loads of topsoil and fill dirt

and planted in new neighborhoods. It pays to ask where these loads of soil/fill are coming from. If it's from one of the "red zones" on our termite map, pass it up.

Check our web site for the termite map of our area.

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YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED HERE!

Q. We are purchasing a house in Mendon and during the inspection noticed thousands of ladybugs on the exterior siding, and inside windows. Why are they there and what can be done?

A. Ladybugs, like cluster flies are considered occasional invaders. They are most noticeable on exterior siding and around windows on sunny, warm days in fall, winter and spring. It is wrong to conclude that, because of sheer numbers, they are reproducing or eating something in the house. Their sole purpose in the house is for shelter. Under siding, in attics, and around windows are safe places to hide from the winter winds.

Though they are harmless, ladybugs can be a big pest. Treatment for them is best done on the same schedule

and method as for cluster flies. An exterior treatment on the house in later August will stop them before they get it in and be effective for a year. However, miss that window and you'll need a good vacuum cleaner!



Q. What are the best methods for treating termites, and what kind of costs are involved?

A. There are three methods for treating termites, all of which have strengths and weaknesses. The first is a soil treatment around the house. This is a liquid termiticide that forms a barrier that termites will not cross to the home. A strength of this method is a relatively quick control. A weakness is that



ASK JOHN!

termites will find the breach in that barrier and move in. \$1500+

Secondly is wood treatment. This is usually a boric acid spray that is applied to the wood as a preservative. This is a safe and easy treatment, but termites will find the untreated sections (wood joints) and eat away. \$600+

Lastly are the baits. These are placed around

the house in the soil or on damaged wood, the bait is eaten by the termite that in turn feeds others, hopefully eliminating the colony. Baits are non-intrusive and aim at colony elimination, but can sometimes be hard for termites to find. \$2500+

So which is the best method to use? I would recommend a company that uses some of all three options. Soil treatments for the point of entry, wood treatment to preserve undamaged wood, and baiting to attack the colony.

Castleguard does not treat for termites, but we are happy to recommend companies that do.

