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Carpet Beetles What are the facts?

Carpet beetles deserve to rank near the top of your list of uninvited guests. These oval-shaped flying insects can ruin your carpets, rugs, upholstered furniture, and clothing as well as cause irritating dermatitis in children and sensitive adults. These are unwelcome guests you really want to "show the door" as quickly as possible.

Life Cycle of a Carpet Beetle

The four life-stages of carpet beetles are egg, larvae, pupae, and adult. Female carpet beetles lay up to a hundred eggs, which hatch into larvae in approximately 35 days. This stage is the most damaging because larvae feed on carpets and clothing. The larval stage lasts 6 to 18 months, during which these voracious insects do the most damage. The final part of the larval stage is metamorphosis, after which the adult beetle emerges. Adult carpet beetles can live up to a year.

Identifying Carpet Beetles

The larvae are very small, so it can be difficult to spot them. Larvae look like tiny, hairy worms and prefer dark, undisturbed areas such as under furniture, rugs and in closets. Adult black carpet beetles are black

with brown-colored legs, and their length in inches ranges from 1/8 to 3/16.

As larvae, these pests shed skin and fecal pellets, each of which can cause allergic reactions in some people. Carpet beetles do not bite people or animals. The irritation caused by contact with carpet beetle larvae can be confused with bites from bed bugs or fleas.

Property damage from carpet beetles is very similar to moth damage. Small, irregular-shaped holes in clothes and rugs are a telltale sign of either a carpet beetle or moth problem. If it is a moth problem, you will usually see moths in the area. Adult carpet beetles prefer to live outdoors and graze on pollen.

Fighting back

Maintaining cleanliness may not be enough to avoid an infestation from carpet beetles. Since these pests can enter on food packages, luggage and on shoes, they are difficult to avoid—especially if you have a pet, as larvae feed on animal fur and dander. Along with vacuuming, professional carpet, rug and upholstery cleaning are essential.



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BBQ Beef Brisket Sandwiches

Ingredients:

- 2 teaspoons celery salt
- 2 teaspoons ground black pepper
- 1 1/2 teaspoons salt
- 1 teaspoon garlic salt
- 1 teaspoon onion salt
- 2 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce
- 3 pounds beef brisket
- 1 cup Russian dressing
- 1 cup hickory-flavored barbecue sauce

Directions:

1. Mix celery salt, black pepper, salt, garlic salt, and onion salt in a small bowl; add Worcestershire sauce. Spread mixture over beef brisket; transfer to a slow cooker.
2. Cook on Low until beef is tender, about 8 hours.
3. Transfer beef to a cutting board; shred into small pieces using 2 forks.
4. Measure 1/2 cup cooking liquid from the slow cooker into a saucepan. Mix in Russian dressing and barbecue sauce; bring to a boil.
5. Combine shredded beef and sauce mixture in the slow cooker. Cook on Low until flavors combine, about 1 hour.

recipe courtesy allrecipes.com

Carpet Beetles *(continued from cover)*

Detergent and hot water kill the larvae, so this is an important means of limiting carpet beetle populations indoors. Other recommended measures to reduce the likelihood of a carpet beetle problem are:

- Effective sanitation including routine vacuuming and housekeeping of pantry shelves and pet feeding and sleeping areas helps reduce the breeding sites and food sources;
- Storing items like wool clothing, leather and fur coats in sealed garment bags;
- Checking flowers, patio plants, and any second-hand items carefully before bringing indoors;

- Dry cleaning and using a clothes dryer on high heat to kill carpet beetle larvae in clothing and drapes;
- Ensuring that air ducts are clean and attics and crawl spaces are free of animal nests or carcasses.

Pesticides may be necessary to eliminate an existing infestation. Choose a pesticide designed for carpet beetles and follow label directions. Eliminating a heavy infestation is best left to a professional pest control specialist.

If you suspect that you have a carpet beetle problem or want to avoid one, call A-Town Hi-Tech so that we can clean your carpet, upholstery and drapery. That is a logical first step to eliminating these destructive invaders.

A Celebration of Independence

As we consider the dramatic words of the Declaration of Independence, we wonder whether the writers knew the long-range impact of their words.

Did they see a great nation emerge from a vision of independence? We think they did. How many times have you personally marveled at the wisdom of these national founders? They had a rare vision of what our country would turn out to be, and that vision rings true to this very day. Their writings were an achievement of significant proportions.

Since the first July 4th, historians give us some interesting notes about that calendar day. First, they say the Declaration of Independence was signed on August 2, 1776, about a month after being adopted.

President Calvin Coolidge was born on July 4, and three of our nation's first five presidents died on that day: John Adams and Thomas Jefferson in 1826, and James Monroe, our fifth president in 1831.

Congress didn't actually declare it as legal federal holiday until 1941.



This Independence Day, remember those who made it possible.

The 4th of July is also a holiday for American business, says Robbie Briggs, a real estate company CEO. He reminds us that it's a day that celebrates America's devotion to entrepreneurship and the opportunity to build businesses of our own.

Briggs says it serves as a tribute to each citizen and all they may elect to pursue in business or any other endeavor.

As we commemorate our independence, we remember that America's freedom and democracy occurred because of the determination of our forefathers to establish this place as a free country.

They save lives, but... know what happens when an airbag deploys

In 1969, the new trend in driving safety was air pillows. Those pillows stayed around but their name changed, and no wonder.

An airbag is no pillow, but while a deployed airbag is not a comfy experience, it remains a landmark of safety. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration estimates that airbags have saved 44,869 lives from 1987 to 2015.

According to Popular Science, in a head-on collision, a car stops fast, but the bodies inside the car don't. The momentum of the bodies inside continues until the windshield, dashboard or steering wheel brings them to a stop – usually with dire consequences.

The idea of an airbag is not just to pillow the blow, but to lower the impact by spreading it over a larger area of the body. No single area of the body bears the brunt of deceleration, according to Popular Science.

To accomplish this, airbags deploy within 1/25th of a second of impact, filling the nylon airbag with nitrogen



Airbags have saved thousands of lives since it's introduction.

and instantly deflating. Tiny holes in the bag begin releasing gas the moment a driver's head hits the bag, absorbing the impact. This is why the driver's head doesn't hit the bag and then whip backward.

A white puff of cornstarch might also come out of the bag. The cornstarch keeps the bag supple while it is in storage. Newer cars have airbags with silicone coatings that make the cornstarch unnecessary.

Because airbags stop the body, they prevent deadly head injuries and whiplash. But they do sometimes cause red impact burns on the body and break eyeglasses.



Be careful using free wi-fi. Just because it's free, doesn't mean it's safe.

4. Log out from websites you use. If you do not, a hacker could use the website in your name.
5. Don't use the same password for everything. A hacker on a free wi-fi network can get the password you are using and test it on other sites, even your bank.
6. Change your passwords frequently.

Stay safe using free Wi-Fi

Hackers are lurking on free wi-fi connections because if it is free to you, it is free to them.

They can gather your passwords from any account you log into from social sites to your bank.

Stay safe using these free wi-fi guidelines:

1. Never log in to your bank account or make payment for anything.
2. Check for the https prefix before the web address. The S shows that the connection is secure.
3. Avoid using an app on your smartphone or tablet when on free wi-fi.

Community Events

Abilene Freedom Festival

Taylor County Expo Center 1700 Hwy 36, Abilene 325-677-2864

07/04/18 - 07/04/18 10 a.m. to 11 p.m.
\$7-Adults; \$5-Military; \$3-Children ages 6-15; Free-Children age 5 and younger

Celebrate the Fourth of July with live bands, a car show, a bike show, vendors, food truck, games, a kids area and more. Stick around for the Fireworks Spectacular by West-Tex Connect.

Family Fun Saturdays

The National Center for Children's Illustrated Literature 102 Cedar St., Abilene 325-673-4586, NCCIL

07/07/18 - 07/07/18 1 to 4 p.m. Free

A come-and-go family program offered by our art educators who will help you and your little ones create a work of art using the style and medium of the featured artist in the gallery. Emphasis is on having fun while picking up valuable knowledge.

Paramount Film Series: Rio Bravo

Historic Paramount Theatre 352 Cypress St., Abilene 325-676-9620, George Levesque

07/13/18 - 07/14/18 Fri., 7:30 p.m.; Sat., 2 and 7:30 p.m. \$7-Adults; \$6-students, seniors, military and children

A small-town sheriff in the American West enlists the help of a cripple, a drunk, and a young gunfighter to hold the brother of a local bad guy in jail. Starring: John Wayne, Dean Martin; Color, 141 minutes, Not rated, 1959.

ACU Movies on The Hill: 'Peter Rabbit'

Anthony Field at Wildcat Stadium 825 E Ambler Ave, Abilene 325-674-2607, Emerald Cassidy

07/19/18 - 07/19/18 6:30 p.m.- Gates open; 7:30 p.m.- Movie begins Free

Sit in the stands or lounge on the field and enjoy this family movie. Concession stands will be open, so come hungry. Please note: No chairs, food or drinks will be allowed on the field.

36th Annual Tour de Gap Bike Race

Old Settler's Reunion Grounds 131 N. William St., Buffalo Gap 325-674-3115, Mallory Wilcox

07/28/18 - 07/28/18 6:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. \$30

Ride through the rolling hills just a few minutes south of Abilene, relax at the pavilion area and enjoy the food and raffles. All proceeds from this event benefit Big Brothers and Big Sisters.



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