A study released by North Carolina State University last year shed light on the extent to which critters help keep our streets clean by eating garbage.

Researchers at North Carolina State University conducted a series of experiments throughout Manhattan that revealed that arthropods (e.g. spiders, ants, millipedes) can consume 2,100 pounds of food waste each year from the scraps left on the streets of Manhattan. There are hundreds of different species of crawling insects in the Tri-State. So what impact does this have on shopkeepers and homeowners this coming winter?

When the weather cools to freezing temperatures, the creepy crawlers that have been feasting on streetside scraps will be forced to take their appetite indoors where they can protect themselves from the cold. New York City buildings and residences with cracks or holes in the foundation will be the most susceptible to intrusion. The mulch-beds and shrubbery outside your home may look aesthetically pleasing, but during the summer and fall they harborage numerous pests that will eventually look to migrate indoors as the cold sets in.

“The easiest measures are to check your weather stripping and then to run a dehumidifier in areas that are known to be dark and damp, like your basement,” says Robert Suriano of UltraPro Pest Protection. Providing New York City homes and businesses with pest management for decades, Suriano knows that winter means crawling insects are going to become a major problem for property owners. “Closing up entry points and reducing humidity goes a long way in preventing insect infestations”.

Crawling insects like millipedes are excellent at hiding in the dark corners of your home, so if you happen to spot one there maybe more lurking around unseen. You can remove them with a vacuum most of the time, but for large infestations you want to dial in a professional that can find the source of your problem as well as eliminate the invading population.

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