

# Keeping Pests Away from Your Family Picnic

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Picnic

**A picnic is great for getting the family together, but it can be wrecked fast when uninvited pests crash the party. Here's how to keep them away.**

([Newswire.net](#) -- August 29, 2016) -- Having a picnic in your backyard can be a lot of fun for the whole family, and it is a great way to bond, relax and have a good time together. However, you and your family are not the only ones who enjoy the warm weather. Many bugs and insects become active when the weather is nice, and they can interfere with your family picnic.

Before you get started, it's important you take some time to look around so that you can tell which pests are present before they try to ruin your day. If you have a picnic table, then most bugs should not be a problem, but you still need to keep an eye out for bees and wasps.

## Bumble Bees

If you see any bees that have round bodies and are yellow and black, then you likely have a bumble bee nest near your location. Because of their size, many people fear that bumble bees will attack, but they are only aggressive when they feel threatened. They build their nests in the ground, so walking around with bare feet is not a good idea if you have a nest in your yard.

## Honey Bees

When most people think of bees, they picture the honey bee. Honey bees can be seen pollinating flowers and crops, and they are not aggressive unless they are attacked. They play an important role in our ecosystem, and many fruits and vegetables depend on them. Due to diseases and natural predators, honey bees are becoming an endangered species, which means that they are starting to disappear.

They offer more benefit than harm, so it's best to leave them alone whenever possible, but if honey bees are near your home and pose a threat to you and your family, contact a team of pest control professionals like UltraPro Pest Control. When you do, they will gladly relocate the honey bees to a safe location.

## Yellow Jackets

When you want to protect your picnic from unwanted guests, ensure that no yellow jackets are near. Often confused with bees, yellow jackets have yellow and black stripes on their bodies, and they are quick to sting if they feel as though their nests are in danger.

Try to avoid contact with yellow jackets if you can do so, and never try to remove a nest unless you are trained. Failed attempts only serve to provoke these wasps, and they can sting multiple times.

## Carpenter Bees

Because of their round appearance, carpenter bees are often mistaken for bumble bees. The main distinction between the two is that carpenter bees have a black lower body. They like to build nests in siding and wood. Small, pencil-like holes indicate that you might be looking at a carpenter bee nest.

The males will try to intimidate possible intruders by flying at eye level, but in spite of their aggressive appearance, male carpenter bees don't have a stinger, rendering them harmless. The females can and will sting if their nests are threatened, so use caution if you notice a pencil-sized hole in your picnic table.

Even though picnics can be a lot of fun, always stay proactive when it comes to safety. Bees and wasps are active in the summer and early fall, and they are drawn to picnic food. Honey bees and bumble bees are harmless unless provoked, but yellow jackets and other wasps tend to be that much more aggressive.

If you spot any dangerous insects near your picnic area, try to remove them only if you are experienced. Otherwise, contact trained pest control professionals like UltraPro Pest Protection to help you solve the problem, allowing you to enjoy your outdoor meal in peace.

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