

Wasps



Wasps belong to the Hymenoptera (membrane winged) order of insects. They are social insects with a highly evolved caste system in which workers (sterile females) build the nests, raise young and forage for food under the direction of the queen.

The common wasp (*Vespula vulgaris*) is mostly beneficial, destroying many insect pests to feed the growth of the nest. In autumn, however, after the nest matures, redundant workers flying off in search of fruit and sugary food become a nuisance to man.

South Gloucestershire Council's Pest Control Service offers a professional service for the treatment of a wasps nests, chargeable at competitive rates.

- Treatment is normally carried out as soon as possible after contacting the Council, (when possible, treatment is usually carried out the following day). This may have to be extended in busy periods.
- The wasps nest will usually be destroyed within 5 days of treatment. If not a re-treatment will be offered free of charge within 7 days.
- Treatment will be refused if bees and not wasps are found to be the problem a call out charge will still be made.
- Before treatment takes place, a signature will be required from a person aged 18 or over and who is the owner/occupier of the premises.
- A booking will not be accepted or the treatment will be refused where the nest is inaccessible, or unsafe to access without special equipment, or where it is higher than the gutter height of a 2 storey house and it is only accessible from outside.
- It is usual to see a small amount of residual spray or powder around the nest and underneath it, and precautionary advice will be given about this.
- You will be asked to remove any sensitive equipment/objects under the nest or cover fish ponds that might become contaminated with dust or spray.

General Terms & Conditions

Residents should note that:

- The service will only be undertaken where the owner/occupier has signed a consent form.
- The Council reserves the right to refuse treatment wherever it considers it appropriate.
- The Pest Officer will not carry out any building works of any nature needed to gain access to the nest.
- The nest itself will not be removed (wasps do not occupy old nests in following years).
- The call out charge covers the treatment of one wasps nest. Payment must be made prior to the treatment being carried out.

For Pest Control treatment: 01454 868001

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