

Controlling Brown Marmorated Stink Bugs in Your Home



Adult brown marmorated stink bugs

THERE ARE HIGH NUMBERS of brown marmorated stink bugs in your neighbourhood and we anticipate these bugs may be a nuisance when they start looking for warm places in your home to spend the winter. Brown marmorated stink bugs release unpleasant odours when crushed or threatened but they do not bite people.

WHAT YOU CAN DO:

- ✔ Prevent entry into your home by sealing off any access points in your windows, doors and screens.
- ✔ Vacuum bugs in and around your home, dump in a container of soapy water to kill them before disposal. The bugs can stink up vacuum cleaners. Use a hand or shop vacuum. Add 1-2 inches of soapy water in the bottom of a shop vacuum to drown the bugs.

✔ If using a vacuum with a hose extension, insert a knee-high nylon stocking into the hose end and secure the open end around the hose with a rubber band. Vacuum up the bugs, remove the stocking and drown the bugs in soapy water.



✔ We are collecting information on brown marmorated stink bugs and would like to keep count of how many are entering into residences this fall. Please keep your vacuumed bugs for collection. Contact Susanna Acheampong at **250 861-7681** or Susanna.Acheampong@gov.bc.ca.



Pan and Pop bottle stink bug traps.



✔ Bugs in the home can be trapped with homemade traps made of a pan of soapy water with a desk lamp above or a 2 litre pop bottle and a battery powered light.

✔ We do not recommend spraying pesticides in the home. Aerosol sprays will not control brown marmorated stink bugs.

LEARN MORE AT www.gov.bc.ca/invasivestinkbug

✔ Watch the following You Tube videos for information on bug proofing your home and making stink bug traps:

▶ Brown Marmorated Stink Bug Control: Keeping Stink Bugs Out of Your House

▶ Stink Bug Trap – Virginia Tech

▶ BEST Stink Bug Trap EVER