

## **Environmental Health Services**

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## Advice to Householders - Wasp Treatment

The use of insecticides in the UK is covered by statutory controls and, consequently, those selected for their effectiveness against wasp nests have been approved for use in all domestic properties. Furthermore our pest control technicians in accordance with regulations are fully trained and hold industry recognised qualifications, and will carry out a specific hazard / risk assessment before commencing treatment.

## Customer advice......

Your co-operation is requested in adopting the following precautions to minimise any risks to occupants and pets. Please see overleaf for areas treated.

Wasp nests are normally active during the summer months with the colony growing substantially in number before dying off in late autumn, if undetected. Following treatment with either a powder or water based insecticide it is recommended that doors and windows are kept closed if in the vicinity of the nest. Once treated, it is not unusual for there to be an increase in wasp activity, which may last for a short period of time. Stay clear of the vicinity of the nest and keep pets away, also, advise neighbours and visitors of the location.

Wasp activity may continue for up to 48 hours, this is not unusual, please be patient. If there is still activity after a few days please contact us to arrange a further visit. Dead wasps can still sting! Carefully sweep up any dead wasps and dispose of in an external bin.

Stings can be painful and dangerous especially if you have an allergy and, consequently, the use of an antihistamine may help with allergic reactions. Severe allergic reactions may require immediate medical attention.

Aquatic life (fish tanks, etc) require covering or removal from the property due to susceptibility to insecticides.

