

Important information on treatment of Carpenter Bees

1. Carpenter Bees drill holes, but do not eat the wood as do termites and powder post beetles.
2. Although it is a time-consuming and seemingly endless task, treating the entrance holes with Sevin spray/dust or WD-40 can reduce future nesting. Treated holes should be sealed with a small ball of aluminum foil and caulked after 24-36 hours. Since active or abandoned tunnels may be used as overwintering sites or can be re-used next spring for nesting, it is important that they be sealed. The insecticide treatment is important because it kills the adult bee, as well as any offspring as they attempt to emerge later.