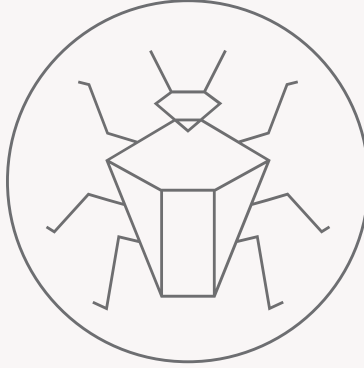


STINK BUGS



STINK BUGS (BROWN MARMORATED)

Color: Mottled grayish-brown

Shape: Triangular or shield

Size: 3/4 inch

Region: Found in the eastern of half of the U.S., as well as California, Oregon, Washington, Arizona, New Mexico and Texas

Habits

In the late fall, adult stink bugs enter homes and other structures seeking shelter from the winter weather. Like other overwintering insects, they are often found in groupings on the sides of buildings. In the spring, they emerge again.

Threats

While not posing serious threats, their tendency to invade homes in large number can be a nuisance to homeowners. Stink bugs have the potential to spread throughout the country, which could be harmful to the agricultural industry. Their droppings can stain items.

Prevention

Repair damaged window screens and seal cracks around the property. Use a vacuum to eliminate stinkbugs indoors and make sure to seal the contents of the vacuum in a plastic bag and dispose of it immediately. Replace outdoor lighting with yellow bulbs as stink bugs are less attracted to them. Seal up all openings into a home to prevent stink bugs from invading.