

NEWSLETTER



DIFFERENT SEASON, DIFFERENT BUG

It's that time of year again - the creepy crawlies are trying to get into homes, shops, and out buildings! Black beetles are the first to be noticed about this time of year. There are over 3,000 species of ground beetles in North America. In Goshen county, there are three different types commonly found in homes.

- Usually enter homes in mid to late summer
- Hide in damp and dark areas
- Are harmless and do not cause damage to structures
- Enter homes through small cracks or openings
- About 1/8 - 1/2 inches long
- Most are black or dark brown
- Narrower head than the neck and has moderate body length
- Long, slender legs with obvious mandibles
- Do not fly



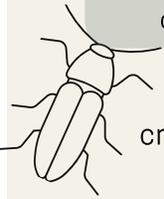
BLACK GROUND BEETLE



PEDUNCULATE
GROUND BEETLE



VIVID METALLIC
GROUND BEETLE



Control: eliminate entry points by covering or sealing gaps and cracks. Insecticide treatment around exterior of homes is an option when large numbers of beetles are found indoors.

YOU'RE NOT READY FOR WINTER... ARE YOUR TREES?

Let's help your trees during the dry winter months! Wyoming winters are tough on trees and winter damage can often be mistaken for insect or herbicide damage. Preparing your trees for winter can help eliminate concerns come spring.

Continue to water:

- A good slow and thorough soaking of the entire root system in late fall
- 10 gallons of water for every 1" of trunk diameter
- Especially important for evergreens and young trees

Insulate with mulch:

- Mulch (bark or wood chips) will help maintain moisture and warmer warmer soil temperatures
- Layer 2 to 3" of mulch
- Significant for younger trees

Prevent broken branches:

- Prune properly to eliminate weak branches
- Fall pruning should be done after leaves drop and when trees are dormant

Protect for Wyoming wind:

- Place a barrier of burlap or plastic guard on the windward side of young tree
- Barriers offer protection from rodents and wind while collecting moisture

WEED-FREE FORAGE

A simple way to protect Wyoming lands

Certification is a great way to prevent spread and build awareness of unwanted weeds while adding value to your product. GCWP offers inspections to help local farmer's and rancher's certify their crop products.

As a seller, certified straw or hay may be more profitable and marketable. As a buyer, certified products offer assurance of the product you're purchasing. Certification should be taken into consideration with recreational use or homestead feed. In certain situations, like on State and Federal lands certified weed free forage is required.

Let us help you protect your land from invasive species. If you are interested in purchasing or certifying your hay or straw, contact GCWP or visit www.goshenweedandpest.com/how-do-i

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