

PESTalytix Stink Bug Prevention & Control Checklist for Homeowners

Quick DIY Checklist for Fall

- Seal visible cracks with silicone caulk.
- Replace worn weatherstripping on doors and windows.
- Check attic vents and chimneys—cover with fine mesh.
- Switch outdoor lights near doors to yellow “bug lights.”

Safe Indoor Removal

- Keep a handheld vacuum dedicated for stink bugs to avoid odor in your main unit.
- Use soapy water traps near windows where bugs cluster.
- Never crush stink bugs indoors—this spreads odor.

Family & Pet Safety

- Keep cleaning supplies and traps out of reach of children and pets.
- Teach kids not to handle stink bugs directly.

Garden Protection

- Use row covers to protect vegetables.
- Inspect plants daily and knock bugs into soapy water.
- Plant trap crops like sunflowers or beans to draw stink bugs away from main crops.
- Thin heavy fruit clusters on trees to reduce hiding spots.
- Clean up weeds and debris in the fall.

Other Problem Areas

- Inspect attics and basements for insulation gaps or wall voids.
- Check seasonal storage like furniture and decorations before bringing inside.
- Seal garages and mudrooms with weatherstripping and door sweeps.

Common Mistakes to Avoid

- Do not use indoor pesticides—ineffective and unsafe.
- Avoid crushing stink bugs—odor may attract more.
- Don't just remove bugs—seal entry points to stop the cycle.
- Don't ignore spring sightings—they reveal fall entry points.
- Limit outdoor lighting near doors and windows.

