

A landscaper wearing a bright green t-shirt with the 'DREAM GREENER' logo and a cap is kneeling on a lawn, working on a garden bed. In the background, there is a large, ornate, multi-tiered stone fountain surrounded by red flowers. Further back, a well-manicured lawn leads to a brick house with a gabled roof and a large window. The scene is set in a sunny, outdoor environment with lush greenery.

# Guide to Effective Pest Management

Flea, Tick, and Mosquito Control for a  
Healthier, Happier Home



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# Common Pests In Our Area



## How Insects Cause Damage to Your Landscape



### Spreading Diseases to Plants

Fleas, ticks, and mosquitoes can carry and transmit a variety of plant diseases, such as viruses, bacteria, and fungi. These diseases can damage or even kill plants, depending on the severity of the infection.

### Feeding on Plant Sap

Fleas, ticks, and mosquitoes can also feed on the sap of plants. This can weaken plants and make them more susceptible to pests, diseases, and environmental stressors.

### Causing Stress to Plants

The presence of fleas, ticks, and mosquitoes can also cause stress to plants by depriving them of the resources they need to grow and thrive. Stressed plants are more likely to be susceptible to pests and diseases.

Pest control is an essential service for both homeowners and business owners, as it helps to minimize the potential damage caused by unwelcome pests to you, your property, and your landscapes. In Pennsylvania, a variety of pests in all shapes and sizes can pose a threat to property, and a comprehensive pest control system can help to protect homes and businesses.



## Fleas

Fleas are a common bothersome pest that can transmit diseases to pets and humans, like typhus, plague, and tularemia. Fleas can be found in shaded areas like bushes and shrubs, leaf litter, wood piles, and areas where wildlife is present, which is why you'll find them on your furry friends.



## Mosquitoes

The common pest is a small, flying insect that can bite humans and animals. They transmit diseases such as Malaria, Dengue Fever, and West Nile Virus. They can be found in your landscape if you have stagnant water, live near marshes and swamps, or have areas full of tall grass or weeds.



## Ticks

Ticks are small blood-sucking arachnids that can be found in tall grass, wooded areas, or near stone walls and rock piles. They attach themselves to humans and animals and can transmit diseases such as Lyme, Rocky Mountain spotted fever, and Ehrlichiosis which can be transmitted from deer.

# Pest Control Methods

At Dream Greener Lawn and Landscape, we prioritize environmentally friendly and family-safe pest control methods. We have a strict pollinator protection policy, ensuring that we avoid certain products when bees are present to protect these essential pollinators. Our commitment to ongoing research means we stay up-to-date with the safest and most effective products and techniques available.

We also conduct at least four property visits per year to assess any emerging problems and proactively address potential pest issues. Our comprehensive approach ensures that your property remains pest-free while prioritizing the well-being of your family and the environment.



## Natural Methods vs. Synthetic Control

There are two main approaches to pest control: natural methods and synthetic control.

### Natural Methods

Natural pest control relies on non-chemical techniques to manage pests. This can include using beneficial insects, such as ladybugs to prey on harmful insects, planting companion plants that deter pests, and using gentle and natural applications that deter pests while benefiting a healthy ecosystem.

### Synthetic Control

Synthetic pest control involves the use of pesticides to manage and reduce pest populations. These products are often designed to control pests based on the size and weight of the pest and pose negligible risk to the environment.

# Home Remedies

Home remedies may seem promising when trying to protect your home against pests. However, the results are often short-lived and do not actually control the issue.

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## Citronella

People often resort to citronella plants or candles, scented bracelets, and devices promising mosquito-free areas. While initial scents may repel mosquitoes, they are often relentless and will not stay deterred by scents for long. Mosquitos are also attracted to specific colors, blood types, and carbon dioxide.

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## Vinegar

Flea control attempts might involve lemon water or vinegar solutions. While many flea home remedies do possess some repellent properties, it is important to note that they are generally not as effective as commercial flea treatments. Additionally, some of these home remedies may even be toxic to pets, making them less ideal for widespread use. It is crucial to exercise caution and avoid using large quantities of these remedies, as this can diminish their effectiveness in controlling fleas. For the best results and the safety of your pets, it is recommended to opt for commercially available flea treatments.

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## Tweezers

Some may turn to tweezers or rubbing alcohol, garlic, mint, or rosemary for tick control. Ticks are stealthy and have a knack for latching onto pets, people, and even clothing. While tweezers might seem like a quick fix, they can actually release harmful fluids, worsening the situation. That's why having a backup plan is crucial. Professional treatment from our pest control services is your best defense against further tick spread and the diseases they carry, such as Lyme disease.

# Fleas



## Fast Stats

### Number of Species

There are over 2,000 species of fleas that have been identified worldwide.

### Number of Diseases

Fleas can transmit a variety of diseases to humans and animals, including plague, typhus, and murine rickettsiosis.

### Average Lifespan

Adult fleas can live for 2-3 months, but they can survive up to 100 days without a blood meal.

### Average Size

Adult fleas are about 1/16 inch long.

### Lifecycle

Fleas have four life stages: egg, larva, pupa, and adult. The entire lifecycle can take from two weeks to several months, depending on environmental conditions.

### Dangers

Fleas can cause a problem for pets and humans such as biting humans and pets, causing allergic reactions, and carrying diseases.

## Warning Signs

- ⚠ Excessive scratching, irritability, and hair loss in pets.
- ⚠ Flea dirt or red-brown or black specks that you find on your pet or around your home.
- ⚠ Flea eggs and larvae on carpeting.
- ⚠ Flea bites.
- ⚠ Fleas on bedding.

## When to Treat for Fleas

It's important to treat all life stages of fleas to effectively control the flea population. However, treating fleas at the adult stage is often the most effective strategy.

# Mosquitoes



## Fast Stats

### Number of Species

There are over 3,500 species of mosquitoes found worldwide.

### Number of Diseases

Mosquitoes can transmit various diseases to humans and animals including malaria, dengue fever, Zika virus, and West Nile virus.

### Average Lifespan

The average lifespan of a mosquito is 2-8 weeks, but they can live longer under ideal conditions.

### Average Size

Adult mosquitoes are around 1/8 inch long.

### Lifecycle

Mosquitoes have four life stages: egg, larva, pupa, and adult. The entire lifecycle takes about 7-14 days, depending on environmental conditions.

### Dangers

Mosquitoes can cause a number of problems for humans and animals, such as bites that result in itchiness and pain, and can transmit a variety of diseases.

## Warning Signs

- ⚠️ Mosquito bites typically appear as small, red bumps that can be itchy or swollen. If you notice an increase in these types of bites, it may indicate the presence of mosquitoes.
- ⚠️ Dense vegetation, especially in damp or shaded areas, can provide favorable conditions for mosquitoes to thrive. They seek refuge in these areas during the day and emerge to feed in the evening.
- ⚠️ Mosquitoes lay their eggs in standing water. If you have areas of stagnant or standing water on your property, such as puddles, bird baths, or clogged gutters, this can serve as a breeding ground.

## When to Treat for Mosquitoes

Mosquitoes can be treated at any stage of their lifecycle, but the methods used depend on the specific stage they are in. Targeting mosquito larvae is often the most effective approach since they are at their most vulnerable during this stage.



# Ticks



## Fast Stats

### Number of Species

There are over 800 recognized species of ticks worldwide.

### Number of Diseases

Ticks can transmit a variety of diseases including Lyme disease, Rocky Mountain spotted fever, and ehrlichiosis.

### Average Lifespan

The average lifespan of a tick is 1-3 years, but they can live longer under ideal conditions.

### Average Size

Adult ticks are about ¼ inch long, but they can swell to over 1 inch long after feeding.

### Lifecycle

Ticks have four life stages: egg, larva, nymph, and adult. The entire lifecycle takes about 1-2 years, depending on environmental conditions.

### Dangers

Ticks can be a major problem for humans and animals, such as bites that result in itchiness and pain due to ticks feeding on blood, and disease transmission to humans and animals.

## Warning Signs

- ⚠️ Ticks on you, your clothing, or your pet's fur.
- ⚠️ Tick bites that are small, red, and may itch or swell.
- ⚠️ Tick droppings are small, black specks that look like dirt on bedding, furniture, and floors.
- ⚠️ Tick nests that are in hidden areas of your home such as under furniture or in closets or around your property in areas where leaves, grass, and other debris have accumulated.
- ⚠️ Eggs can be found in cracks and crevices of your home such as in baseboards or around windows.

## When to Treat for Ticks

While you can attempt to treat ticks no matter their lifecycle stage, the larval stage tends to be the most effective. This is because tick larvae are more susceptible to applications than adult ticks, and they are less likely to have attached to a host.

# Customizing Your Pest Control Program



## Dream Greener Programs

Our pest control programs are designed to offer homeowners worry-free lawn and landscape protection from insects, diseases, and weeds, while keeping an environmentally friendly and family-friendly approach to the products we use and how we apply them.

Our pollinator protection policy states that we do not use certain products when bees are present, and we engage in ongoing research to ensure we're using the safest, most effective products and techniques available.

## Cost Estimates

We prioritize transparency and affordability in our pricing to ensure that our clients can enjoy their outdoor living spaces worry free.

### Pest Control Services

Starting at \$220 per season

### Flea, Tick & Mosquito Treatments

\$75 and up per treatment (6 visits per year, with a 4-visit minimum)



# Benefits of Our Pest Control Program

The advantages of maintaining a reduced pest environment extend beyond mere comfort to encompass significant health and financial benefits. While many encounters with fleas, ticks, mosquitoes, and other pests may be minor inconveniences, it's crucial to recognize the potential for these interactions to escalate into major health issues for both people and pets.

## Health

Elevated pest populations can lead to various health concerns, ranging from allergic reactions to the transmission of diseases, posing a threat to the overall well-being of individuals and their furry companions.

## Finance

Beyond the health implications, there can also be a direct financial impact on households. The expenses associated with treating health issues related to pest encounters, including veterinary bills, medical treatments, and pest control measures, can be a costly unnecessary expense.



Minimizing the pest postulations on your landscape not only enhances the quality of life by reducing annoyances, but also serves as a proactive measure to safeguard both health and financial stability for individuals and their beloved pets.



# About Dream Greener

## Testimonials

The total package. Quality service and reliable. They communicate with emails about billing, upcoming and completed services. Pricing is fair for the luxury of someone else taking care of your yard. I highly recommend their service and look forward to using them in the years to come. —**Tracy K.** ★★★★★

High standards, high quality, professional, reliable. ..the list goes on. You'll sleep tight and dream greener, with these folks taking care of your property. This company is the real deal! —**Stephen M.** ★★★★★

Every interaction I've had with Dream Greener has been very professional and friendly. —**Shane B.** ★★★★★

## Company History

Back in 2013, Dream Greener Lawn & Landscape started as a small, homegrown operation in Carnegie, Pennsylvania, right out of a residential garage. Fast forward to today, and our landscape contracting business has grown substantially.

Our headquarters now sits on a spacious six-acre property, carefully developed to include a thriving nursery and a range of top-notch landscaping materials like premium soil, compost, mulch, decorative stone, gravel, and more.

We've expanded our reach and proudly serve a wide-ranging client base, with a focus on areas like Mt. Lebanon, Pennsylvania, and the neighboring communities of Betel Park, Presto, Southpointe, Oakdale, and Pittsburgh, among others.

At Dream Greener Lawn & Landscape, we take a science-based approach to our work. We rely on empirical science as the foundation of our services, which cover everything from lawn care and landscape design to plant health management and snow removal, as well as various specialized offerings.



# Contact Information

## Get In Touch

If you're dealing with a pest infestation on your property and want the peace of mind that comes with year-round care for your home, we're here to help!

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## Next Steps

Schedule an appointment Online

15-Minute Consultation Call

Personalized Assessment & Dream Meeting

Plan Proposal

Plan Approval + Agreement Signing

Installation + Continuous Care

Final Walkthrough + Ongoing Maintenance



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