

Tips for Finding a Pest Management Professional

1. Always deal with a qualified and licensed pest management company. Consider asking to see the license or other credentials of the Pest Management Professional that comes to solve your pest problem. Be sure that the Pest Management Professional is licensed in the state in which you live.
2. Evaluate pest control companies that are members of national, state, or local pest management associations.
3. Consider a Termidor Certified Professional. Visit TermidorHome.com to find a Termidor Certified Professional.
4. Ask friends and neighbors to recommend pest control companies they have used successfully and how satisfied they were with the service.
5. If a sizable amount of money is involved, get bids from several pest management companies.
6. Don't rush a decision. Since you are paying for professional knowledge as well as skillful application of pesticides, look for someone whose judgment you can trust.
7. Before signing a contract, be sure to fully understand the nature of the household pest to be exterminated, the extent of the infestation, and the work necessary to solve the problem.
8. Find out if the pest control company has liability insurance to cover any damages to your house or furnishings during treatment.
9. If a guarantee is given, know what it covers, how long it lasts, what you must do to keep it in force, and what kind of continuing control, prevention, and management are necessary.
10. Buy value, not price. Beware of exterminators that offer bargains that sound too good to be true.
11. Homeowners can call state pest control regulatory agencies for information regarding the status of pest management companies. In most states the regulatory agency is the State Department of Agriculture.