

BOTHERSOME BUGS

A Winter Vacation from Bug Activity

Have you ever noticed that bugs and insects never seem as prevalent during the winter season? This is because during cold weather insects and bugs use various methods to survive winter environments, most of which provide us with a reprieve from their known presence in our home environments.

Insects do not have body fat to protect them from cold weather. As a result, different species of insects adapt by doing one of the following during the winter season:

Migration: Many insects, such as butterflies, migrate to warmer environments.

Communal Living: Insects, such as honey bees, cluster together into a common area using the group's body heat to stay warm.

Glycerol Production: Glycerol is a compound that insects produce in their bodies as temperatures begin to grow colder. The produced glycerol then travels through the insect's body and serves as an antifreeze so their body fluids do not turn to ice. This makes some insects much more cold tolerant.

Regardless of their survival method during winter months, we can always count on insects returning as temperatures begin to turn warmer. Enjoy the vacation from bug activity, but make sure to plan for their return!

