We often get calls into our office each fall from folks wanting to know why there are so many spiders this time of year? Where do they come from? And... is there anything that can be done to control them?

These are all great questions that we can discuss. Basically, many species of spiders will overwinter as young or eggs and emerge when weather warms in the spring. These small spiders or “spiderlings” will often live largely unnoticed due to their small size and locations of their webs. As summer leads towards fall many of the spiders that have survived are now “growing up”. They are larger and make larger webs. As we move into late summer and fall these webs are often constructed around shrubbery, porches, decks and roof overhangs where we live. We like to refer to these spiders as “trappers” that will weave their webs that can ensnare “prey” that falls, crawls, or flies into the waiting web. And if you have ever walked into one of these webs, the first question that immediately comes to mind is, “where is the spider”?

We also have other groups of spiders that are often referred to as “free living” or “hunters” and these spiders do not weave webs but rather move about or wait in ambush to catch their meals. Some of these spiders are referred to as jumping spiders, crab spiders, and grass spiders. They will often gain entry into homes by simply crawling through cracks and gaps in doorways and window casings.

Fun Facts

In the fall when young spiderlings are born they will often spin a length of web and hold onto it as the wind blows them up and away from their mother’s web. This process is known as “ballooning”.

Spider silk (protein that spider webs are made of) is much less dense than steel and by weight is five times as strong as the same weight of steel.

The most common spider that is considered poisonous in the Carolina’s and Virginia is the female black widow spider.

Brown recluse spiders are not native to the Carolina’s and Virginia and are only occasionally brought into the area usually from folks moving from an area where brown recluse spiders naturally occur.

Many alleged “brown recluse spider bites” are actually misdiagnosed infections from “mersa” that is actually a form of staph bacteria that becomes resistant to many types of antibiotics.

The good news is that if you have a concern with spiders around your home or business, McNeely Pest Control’s Advanced Home Protection Service has you covered. With our ongoing service program, our technicians will treat areas of spider entry and hiding spots around your home or business. They will also remove spider webbing that may be present. For more information about spider prevention and control give McNeely Pest Control a call!
As the Fall season finally approaches, we all look forward to cooler weather and colorful leaves! As the Fall season progresses, leaves begin to fall and accumulate. And this can often be on roofs and in our gutters. At McNeely Pest Control we can install "Gutter Lock® Gutter Guards that will allow the water to run into and through your gutters and keep the leaves out. In addition, we can provide gutter cleaning so that you don’t have to worry about the hazards of climbing ladders or cleaning out gutters at your home! For more information about Gutter Lock and gutter cleaning, give us a call at McNeely Pest Control today.

TESTIMONIALS

Adrian P. did a great job and was super nice and professional! - Phillip C.

My car broke down at the intersection of MLK and Trade Street this morning. Your employee, Josh W., stopped and helped me push my car out of the intersection. I wanted to report his good deed. - Tom W.

COMPANY EVENT

Volunteering / SECU Family House
Ryan Walker and Tyler Lowe volunteering alongside the Forsyth County Hotel Association volunteers at the State Employees Credit Union Family House in Winston-Salem. They served food and visited with families who were staying at SECU Family House during the family members hospitalization.

EMPLOYEES OF THE MONTH

JULY
TREY WILSON

AUGUST
DAVID ROSS

JOB OPENINGS

Know of someone who you think would be an asset to our team? Please refer them to us, be sure they list your name on their application, and once they join our team, we’ll send you a $50 gift card.

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