

Wasp Baiting Information Sheet

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What is Wasp Baiting?

Wasp baiting is a targeted control method used when a wasp nest cannot be located. This technique involves strategically placing bait containing a slow-acting insecticide that wasps are attracted to. The bait is designed to mimic the wasps natural food sources, such as protein.

Foraging wasps collect the bait and return to their hidden nest, where they distribute it to other colony members, including the queen. Over time, the insecticide works to eliminate the entire colony. Since the bait is specifically formulated to attract wasps, it minimises the risk to non-target species.

At Gippsland Pest Management, we only consider wasp baiting as a treatment option when the nest cannot be located, ensuring that this method is used appropriately and effectively. A wasp baiting program typically runs over a 2-3 week period, with our technicians visiting the site every 2-3 days to check and replenish the baiting locations. This consistent monitoring ensures the effectiveness of the program and the safe removal of the wasp colony.

Damage caused by Wasps:

Some damage we have experienced as pest controllers caused by bees/wasps are:

- Damage to plaster within your home, wasps can eat plaster in homes and buildings and this is sometimes the trigger for a pest controller to be called as they have eaten their way into the building.
- Damage to plaster/walls from honey as it is a liquid it can stain.
- Both wasp and bee hives have been known to start fires if located inside a fireplace.

Preparation prior to beginning a Wasp Baiting Program:

- Know where you are experiencing the most activity around your site.
- Ensure pets and children are kept away from the wasp baiting areas whilst the program is in effect.
- In high activity areas, it will take 2-3 weeks before you are seeing a decline in the wasp activity around your site.

Health Risks:

If you're stung by a wasp or bee, watch for severe symptoms like swelling, difficulty breathing, or dizziness.

Seek medical help immediately for allergic reactions or persistent pain and swelling.

Payment Options

Payment for this treatment is required on the day of treatment, Gippsland Pest Management can accept payment via Cash, EFT & Cheque.

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