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FACT SHEET

European Wasps

European Wasps in Our Environment

The European wasp is an introduced pest species in Australia and is considered one of the most aggressive wasps found around homes and businesses.

European wasps are most active during the warmer months and are commonly attracted to food, sugary drinks, rubbish bins and outdoor dining areas. Nests are often found underground, inside wall cavities, roof voids, retaining walls and garden areas.

The economic impact from these wasps on primary industries within beekeeping, forestry and horticulture is significant. They have the potential to disrupt native ecosystems by taking food sources away from native species and disturbing the natural food chain. European wasps are known to be territorial therefore place a negative impact on human health.

Unlike bees, European wasps can sting multiple times and may attack in large numbers if their nest is disturbed. Their stings are painful and can cause severe allergic reactions in some people.

European Wasp Control

Professional treatment is strongly recommended for European wasp nests due to the aggressive nature of this species. Attempting to remove or spray a nest without proper equipment can be extremely dangerous.

We use specialised products and treatment methods designed to safely eliminate European wasp colonies with minimal disruption to your property.

Our technicians will identify nesting areas, assess activity levels and recommend the most effective treatment solution. In heavily infested areas or difficult nesting locations, follow-up treatments may be required.

Precautions Before and After Treatment

Prior to treatment, keep people and pets away from the treatment area and avoid disturbing any visible wasp activity.

After treatment, do not attempt to dig out or remove nests unless instructed by your technician. Returning wasps may still be visible for a short period after treatment.

What to Expect After Your Treatment

You may notice increased activity immediately after treatment as returning wasps interact with the treated nest area.

European wasp activity should reduce significantly within 24-48 hours, although complete colony elimination may take several days depending on nest size and location.

Visible nest entrances may remain after treatment, however the colony itself will no longer be active.

How to Get the Best From Your Treatment

- Avoid leaving food scraps, sugary drinks or pet food exposed outdoors.
- Keep rubbish bins tightly sealed and cleaned regularly.
- Inspect outdoor areas for signs of wasp activity, particularly around retaining walls, garden beds, roof voids and wall cavities.
- Seal potential entry points around buildings where practical.

Do not attempt DIY treatment or disturb suspected nests. European wasps can become highly aggressive when threatened.

European Wasp Identification

