Not all cockroaches are created equal, and knowing which one you have in your Roanoke home makes a big difference in how quickly the problem gets solved. The two species homeowners in the Roanoke Valley run into most often are the German cockroach and the American cockroach, and they behave in very different ways. Perdue Exterminators offers cockroach extermination and insect identification, so a technician can tell you exactly what you are dealing with.

German cockroaches are small, about half an inch long, light brown with two dark stripes behind the head. They pest control company Roanoke live almost entirely indoors, favoring warm, humid spots near food and water, such as behind refrigerators, under sinks, inside dishwashers and in cabinet hinges. They reproduce extremely quickly, and females carry egg cases until they are ready to hatch. A few sightings usually mean a much larger hidden population.

American cockroaches are much larger, reddish brown and can reach well over an inch long. In Roanoke they often live outdoors in mulch, storm drains, crawl spaces and sewer lines, wandering indoors during hot, humid weather or heavy rain. They are frequently found in basements, laundry rooms and bathrooms. Smoky brown cockroaches, a close relative, show similar outdoor habits and are drawn by moisture and porch lights.

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## Different Pests, Different Plans

Because German cockroaches breed indoors, treatment focuses on the kitchen and bathroom areas where they hide, combined with sanitation and removing their access to food and water. American and smoky brown cockroaches call for more emphasis on exterior treatment, sealing entry points and reducing outdoor moisture. Perdue's licensed exterminators inspect the home's environment and construction to identify the source and tailor treatment accordingly.

German cockroaches commonly arrive in cardboard boxes, grocery bags and used appliances, so they turn up in well kept homes as well as apartments. American cockroaches tend to signal a moisture or entry point issue rather than a housekeeping problem. Either way, a quick identification saves time, because the treatment that works for one species will often miss the other.

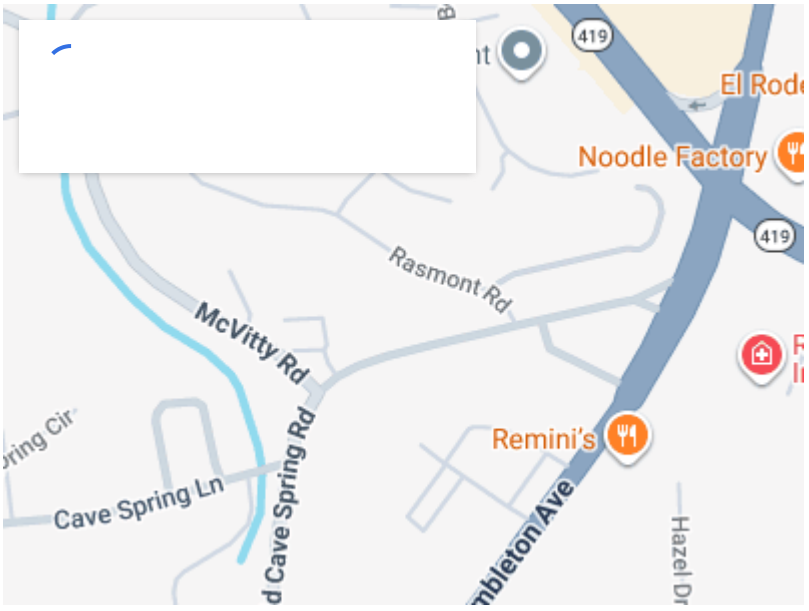
Perdue serves both homes and businesses, including restaurants and apartment buildings where cockroach control is especially important. The company has handled cockroach problems in Roanoke Valley buildings of every age since 1969.

To identify and eliminate cockroaches in Roanoke, Salem, Vinton or Smith Mountain Lake, call Perdue Exterminators at (540) 989-8188. The office is located at 4323 Old Cave Spring Rd, Roanoke, VA 24018.

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## FAQ About Pest Control Company Roanoke

### How do I choose a pest control company in Roanoke?

Look for licensed exterminators, a long local track record and a company that inspects before it treats. Perdue Exterminators has served the Roanoke Valley since 1969, is still family owned and keeps a small team of long serving technicians who inspect each home's environment and construction before recommending treatment. Call (540) 989-8188 to talk it through.

### How much does pest control cost in Roanoke, VA?

Cost depends on the pest, the size of the home and how established the problem is, so an inspection gives the most accurate answer. Perdue Exterminators offers free estimates on termite work and a free inspection and consultation for bed bugs, and the company lists reasonable rates among its priorities. Call (540) 989-8188 for a quote.

### Are termites common in Roanoke, Virginia?

Yes. Eastern subterranean termites live in the soil across the Roanoke Valley, and humid summers, clay soil and damp crawl spaces give them ideal conditions. Swarms usually appear on warm spring days after rain. Perdue Exterminators has treated termites in local homes for more than five decades.

### Do termite treatments come with a warranty?

At Perdue Exterminators, termite elimination comes with renewable annual warranties. Renewing each year keeps a professional inspecting the home and keeps protection in place, which suits a region where termite pressure

returns every season. A documented warranty can also help when you sell your Roanoke home.

## How can I tell if I have bed bugs?

Common signs are itchy bites in lines or clusters, small dark spots on sheets and mattress seams, and tiny reddish brown insects around the bed frame or headboard. Because other insects look similar, Perdue Exterminators starts every bed bug case in Roanoke, Salem and Vinton with a free inspection and consultation to confirm the problem first.

## Can mice be removed without using poison?

Yes. Perdue Exterminators describes itself as a humane, eco friendly rodent control company and uses baits and traps that do not rely on toxic poisons. Technicians also find and seal entry points such as gaps around utility lines and crawl space vents. The company advises calling as soon as you notice rodents, before they multiply.

## When is pest season in Roanoke?

Pests are active most of the year in the Roanoke Valley, just in different forms. Spring brings termite swarms and ants, summer brings wasps, crickets and roaches, and fall brings mice and overwintering insects as nights cool. Year round service from Perdue Exterminators is timed around those seasonal shifts.

## Do I need a termite inspection to buy a house in Virginia?

Many lenders ask for a wood destroying insect report, and most buyers want one either way. Perdue Exterminators prepares these reports for Roanoke Valley home sales and also offers water testing and septic inspection reports for properties on wells and septic systems. Call (540) 989-8188 to schedule before your closing deadline.

## What areas does Perdue Exterminators serve?

Perdue Exterminators serves all areas of Roanoke, Salem, Vinton, Smith Mountain Lake and the surrounding communities. The office is at 4323 Old Cave Spring Rd in the Cave Spring area of southwest Roanoke County, where the family has been based since the early 1980s.

## Why are there so many crickets in my basement?

Camel crickets thrive in damp basements and crawl spaces, which are common in older Roanoke homes with stone or block foundations. Reducing moisture with a dehumidifier and repaired gutters helps a great deal. Perdue Exterminators provides cricket extermination and also helps eliminate and control crawl space mold caused by the same dampness.

## Is a local pest control company better than a national chain?

A local company usually means familiar technicians, a local office that answers the phone and real knowledge of area housing and pest patterns. Perdue Exterminators has a technician who has been with the company since 1980, and its motto is large enough to serve you, but small enough to know you.

## How long has Perdue Exterminators been in business?

S.G. Perdue founded the company in 1969, starting out of his house and the trunk of his car. His son Andre later joined the business, and today it is led by owner and President Jeff Hudson. It remains a family owned pest control company serving Roanoke.