

# STINK BUG

# ALERT!

Fall/Winter



## Understanding the stink bug life cycle: The battle moves indoors!

Stink bugs begin their home invasion in September and October. Every year will be slightly different, depending on the weather patterns and how quickly the temperatures cool. If you haven't seen any indoors yet, they are likely preparing to enter as they cluster on the side of your house or on your porch. When the weather cools, a switch goes off in their little stink bug brains which tells them that the time has come to stop eating and mating outside, and start heading to your home for shelter.

Catching stink bugs during this transition from outside to inside requires patience. There is no quick fix or overnight solution.

First of all, there will come a time – and for some, it's already here – when stink bugs no longer respond to the outdoor pheromone attractants used in the RESCUE!® Stink Bug Trap, because they have switched into hibernation mode and want only to enter your home. If the bugs are gathering on the side of your house, that signals that they are in transition and are ready to head indoors.

Stink bug life cycle and continued use of Stink Bug Traps throughout the year (based on average mid-Atlantic climates):

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September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August						
<b>September/October:</b> As plants are harvested and food sources dry up, stink bugs begin seeking shelter to overwinter. Homes are a prime target. Use Trap outdoors, 15-30 feet away from the house, to intercept stink bugs before they reach the home. Because this time period overlaps with the start of stink bug hibernation and use of the Trap & Light indoors, Traps can be placed both indoors (with Lights) and outside (with pheromone Attractant) at this time.			<b>October/November:</b> A switch flips in stink bugs as they go into hibernation mode. Stink bug adults no longer respond to the pheromone attractant. Use the Trap & Light in the attic or other indoor living spaces where stink bugs are entering. However, all stink bugs do not make this transition at the same time and many will still respond to the pheromone while outside. Especially in October, Traps with pheromone attractant can also be placed 15-30 feet away from the house to intercept stink bugs before they reach the home and begin to hibernate.			<b>December - February:</b> Adult stink bugs hibernate in sheltered locations, typically in attics. Stink bug activity lessens during hibernation, but some bugs will awaken during spikes in outdoor temperatures or follow heat sources into your living space. Keep Trap & Light active in the attic or house to catch emerging stink bugs.			<b>March/April:</b> Stink bugs become a nuisance inside the home in early spring as they start waking up and search for a way to get outside. Use Trap & Light together to catch stink bugs as they try to leave the house. For those stink bugs that have already made it outside, you can also place a Trap with pheromone attractant outdoors at this time.			<b>April/May:</b> Stink bugs start moving outside to eat, mate and lay eggs in trees and shrubs. Use Traps and pheromone Attractant outside to break the life cycle and reduce adult stink bug populations before they mate. Traps with Stink Bug Lights can also be used indoors at this time to catch stink bugs as they transition from inside the home to outside in trees and shrubs.			<b>May - September:</b> Stink bug adults continue to eat, mate and lay eggs outside in vegetable gardens, fruit trees or other foliage and crops. Flightless juvenile stink bugs, called nymphs, hatch and feed on these same plants and crops. Continue to use the trap outdoors to break the life cycle and reduce both nymph and adult stink bug populations. Placing the trap with its green fins secured to foliage, a fence post or pole will create a pathway for crawling juvenile stink bugs to enter the trap in addition to the adults.		

### "But I thought they went away!"

Stink bugs were less visible during the summer months because they weren't "in your face" like they are within your home. Unfortunately, they did not go away; they just went outdoors – to eat,

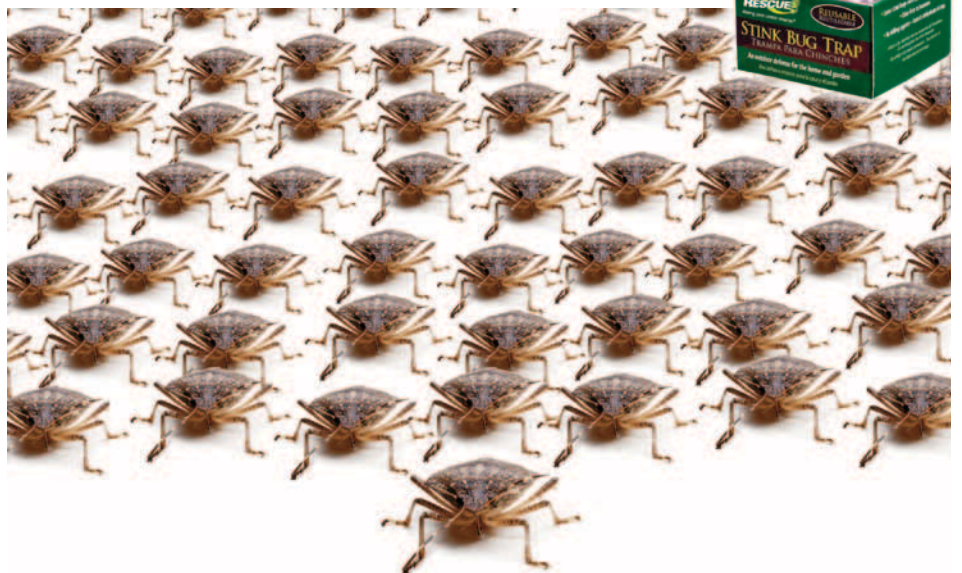
mate and lay eggs.

A single female can lay eggs multiple times during the season and produce up to 400 more stink bugs. This exponential growth of the stink bug

population is why the RESCUE!® Stink Bug Trap was designed to be a 12-month solution to break the life cycle.

By using the trap outdoors during the summer, you can reduce the population that will try to get back into your home when fall rolls around. But if you didn't use it outside, don't worry – you can still get the stink bugs before they enter your living space.

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Colder months don't mean the battle is lost. The next line of defense may be right above your head...

## The next line of defense: Your attic

If you convert the RESCUE!® Trap from outdoors to indoors with the new RESCUE!® Stink Bug Light during this transition, you will catch the more active stink bugs as they come in. The best location is in an attic. But if you see stink bugs in your living space, you should also place the trap & light where they are entering – if you can find it – or at least where you've seen the stink bugs.

Most stink bugs entering homes will do so through the attic, but some will find their way in through windows and doors as well. This process can continue for 3-6 weeks, depending on the weather in the area. Once they are safely indoors, many will "clump" in a dark part of the room or attic for hibernation. Please be patient as not all the stink bugs you see in your house will respond to the light right now – some only want to sleep.



### Leave it on, so stink bugs can "go towards the light"!

Every stink bug you catch in the attic now is one less that can invade your living space later. The light on the trap must be the main light source wherever you install it. If your attic has a power source, you can use the wall plug for a no-maintenance, constant-on, season-long installation. If you don't have a wall outlet nearby, a battery pack is provided that uses two AA batteries. These will last about one week with the light on continuously. The lights are LEDs; they emit virtually no heat, making it safe to leave on in your attic. The RESCUE!® light also uses very little energy and lasts for 100,000 hours.

During the winter months, due to varying temperatures in your home as you heat it, some stink bugs will wake up from hibernation, believing it is spring. Without our trap, these are the bugs that you will see in your living spaces when they follow the heat source through a vent or light fixture.

If the trap & light are placed in the attic and left on, they will act as a sentinel, helping to lure and capture many of these early risers before you see them landing on your TV screen or dive-bombing your dinner table.

### Stop them in spring

In the spring, when stink bugs wake from hibernation, our trap & light are still the first line of defense in the attic, trapping them and keeping them from moving toward other light sources during the day and finding their way into your living spaces on their way outside.

During this spring transition, you may want to deploy a trap both indoors and outdoors as extra insurance. With every female caught, you have eliminated potentially hundreds more stink bugs, keeping them from attacking your garden and landscape, only to move back into your home again next fall.

### Breaking the cycle

Stink bugs may seem stupid, but they are highly adaptable to their environment and we must outsmart them. Any catch is significant: Trapping just 10 female stink bugs can reduce the population by 4,000 in a single generation!

Those who have been consistently using the RESCUE!® Stink Bug Trap outdoors to catch both adult and

juvenile stink bugs during the summer have already reported fewer numbers of stink bugs trying to get inside.

We all need to work together to break the cycle and stop stink bugs from reproducing, destroying our gardens and invading our homes. It will take time, patience, and consistent use of the RESCUE!® Stink Bug Trap!

*Last year around this time, I was polluted with stink bugs. They were coming into the house everywhere. I remember catching so many in a pitcher of soapy water and constantly flushing them down the toilet.*

*This summer I had planted pumpkin seeds and the vines came up quite nicely but I started to notice many stink bugs on the leaves. I bought a RESCUE!® Stink Bug Trap and immediately started to catch the bugs.*

*So far this fall we have seen only 4 or 5 stink bugs in the house. With the use of the traps and some hand-catching, we have succeeded in not having a problem with stink bugs in the house this year.*

*I feel it was money well spent in purchasing the traps and plan to use them again next year if the stink bug problem comes back.*

Kathy  
Pittsburgh, PA



*I am more than pleased with the stink bug trap this year! I've had it out since July and have killed countless numbers of babies and adults. And haven't had nearly as bad a problem as I did last year and I'm pretty sure it was bad around this time. I will continue to recommend your product to my friends and family and hope they have the same luck as me! Thanks so much for making the trap!*

Nicole  
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