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Woodworms are the larvae of the common rodent beetle, which are among the wood destroyers and are therefore declared natural enemies by us, the wood lovers.

The larvae need at least one to eight years to develop into beetles and to fly out - the result is the round 1 - 2 mm small exit holes on the infected wood. You can tell whether the larvae are active by the traces of wood dust and if there are such indications, it is definitely time to act.

The woodworms love the cold and damp with a wood moisture content of over 10%. Therefore a sustained warmth and dryness in the house is not a good prerequisite for the spread of unwanted subtenants. These can also be expelled through a high temperature of approx. 50 - 60 degrees for one or more hours and is advisable for valuable but heat-insensitive wooden furniture. There are so-called climatic chambers for this purpose, a hair dryer is usually not sufficient. These methods are also very environmentally friendly. There are also professional nitrogen treatment providers. Carpenter Stefan shows us his way of tackling the worm:



Warning: All chemical agents available on the market are highly toxic products. Handle it carefully and use protective mask and safety gloves!

1. When you locate the holes on the infected wood use a vacuum cleaner to suck all the wood dust



Remember: Don't forget to suck all the dust from the exit holes themselves, not only what lies around them!

- Use the syringe with a needle and inject substantial amount of chemical agent into the exit holes. Do not worry
 if the moisture will appear away from the exit hole. It only means that the woodworm carved his corridors deep
 inside the wood.
- 3. Clean the surface with a soft cloth and repeat the second step. Clean the surface again and follow the fourth step.
- 4. Take a plastic sheet and seal the treated area airtight so that the toxic fumes cannot escape.



Note: You can use plastic wrap from your kitchen.

5. The whole procedure can be carried out several times until there will be no trace of wood dust around the exit holes.

Now everything is taken care of and the noble furnishings made of solid designer wooden furniture can be enjoyed properly and, above all, for a long time.