

## **Removing wood worms guide**

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You have noticed strange small piles of sawdust inside the drawers? You are hearing soft scrabble inside your furniture? Learn how to get rid of unwanted intruders.

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 trespassers. You can dispose of these through a high temperature of approx. 50 - 60 degrees for one or more hours. If you've such opportunity use this method for valuable but heat-insensitive wooden furniture. There're so-called climatic chambers for this purpose. If you're thinking of a hair dryer, we're afraid it is usually not enough. These methods are also very environmentally friendly. There're 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.

2. Use the syringe with a needle and inject substantial amount of chemical agent into the exit holes. Don't 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. Wait few days and observe if piles of wood dust came back. If they do, follow the fifth step.
6. You can carry out the whole procedure several times until there will be no trace of wood dust around the exit holes.

Congratulations, you have taken care of everything and now you can enjoy the noble furnishings made of solid designer wooden furniture properly and, above all, for a long time.