

# Tips & Tricks STINGING INSECTS

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When choosing an aerosol for wasp and hornet control, it is critical to consider three important factors:

**1. Distance is key for safety.** Wasps can become extremely aggressive when threatened. Maintaining a safe distance from the nest reduces the risk of being stung.

**2. A water-based formula can reduce the likelihood of staining in treated areas.** Most water-based formulas are typically less phytotoxic and, therefore, less likely to cause harm to surrounding plants.

**3. Speed is crucial when treating.** To minimize the time spent near the nest and reduce the chances of encountering aggressive wasps, act quickly and efficiently. This also can help safely control the nest without causing harm to yourself or the customer's property.



## DID YOU KNOW? ▶

One easy way to identify paper wasps, yellowjackets, hornets and other vespid wasps is that they fold their wings lengthwise when at rest. This makes the wings seem only half as wide as they actually are. They also hold their wings separately, often parallel to the body, when at rest — just like this northern paper wasp female (*Polistes fuscatus*) is doing.



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