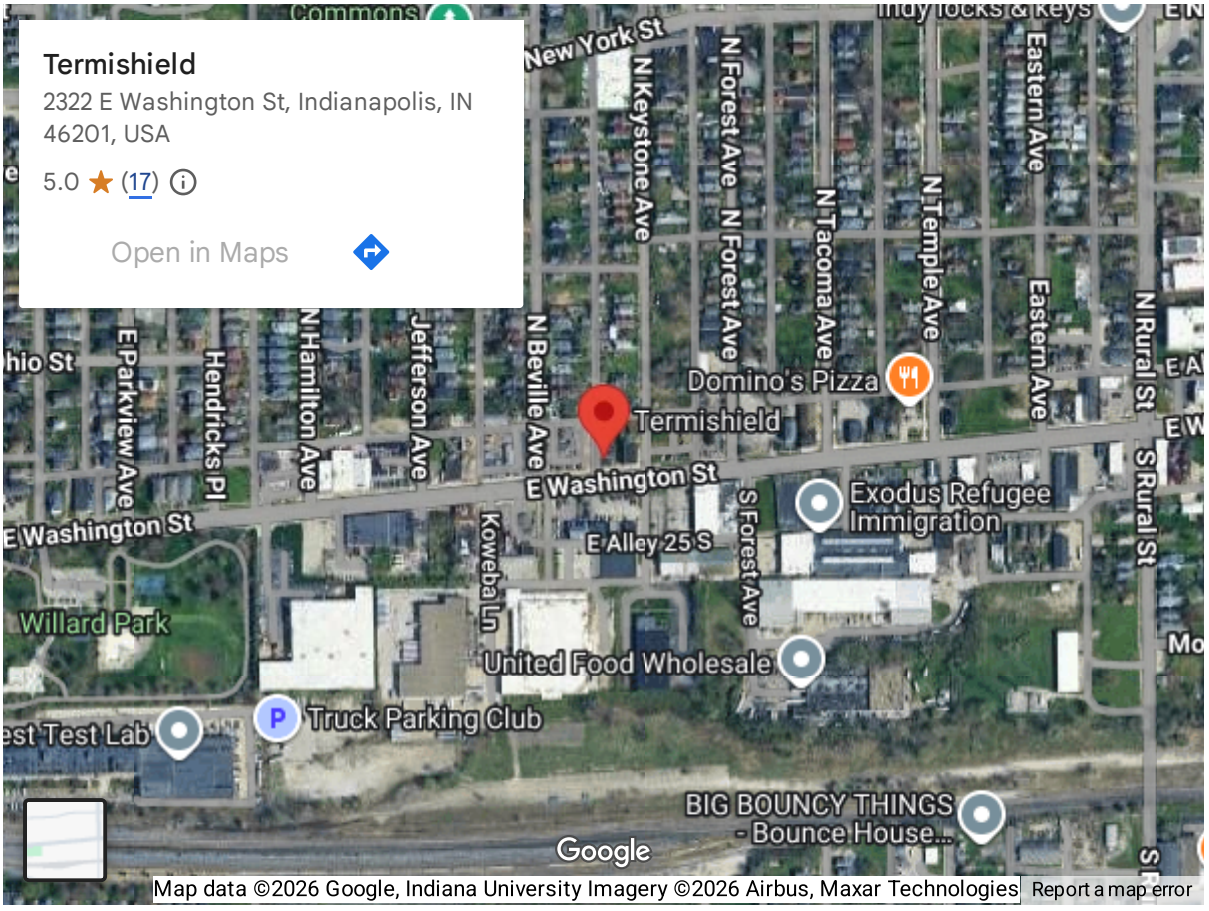
Bug Bombs and Store Sprays vs Professional Pest Control in Indianapolis

Walk down the pest control aisle of any Indianapolis hardware store and you will find foggers, aerosol sprays, granules, glue traps and bait stations promising fast results. It is no surprise that Termishield Pest control many homeowners try these first. Sometimes they help with a minor issue. Often, though, they make the real problem harder to solve. Here is why.Total-release foggers, often called bug bombs, are a good example. They release a cloud of insecticide that settles on exposed surfaces, but most pests hide in places the cloud never reaches: inside wall voids, behind appliances, under baseboards and in cracks in furniture. Federal guidance, including advice from the EPA, warns that foggers rarely reach the hiding places of pests such as bed bugs and can create hazards if used incorrectly. Worse, the treatment can push pests deeper into the home or into neighboring units.Many store-bought sprays also act as repellents. Spraying a trail of ants or a few cockroaches may kill the insects you see, but it can scatter the rest of the colony or drive cockroaches away from bait that would have worked better. Over-the-counter products can also contribute to resistance, especially with bed bugs and German cockroaches, making later professional treatment harder.Professional pest control works differently. Termishield's approach starts with a free inspection to identify the pest, find where it is living and locate the entry points. Treatment is then targeted to those places, using professional-grade products applied according to label directions by licensed technicians. Gel baits, crack and crevice treatments, exterior perimeter applications, termite bait systems and exclusion work all reach the population rather than just the visible pests.Professional service also includes things a can of spray never will: follow up visits, documentation and a guarantee. On Termishield's Shield Advantage and Shield Premier plans, if covered pests return between scheduled visits, the company comes back and re-treats at no extra charge.There is still a role for homeowners. Sealing food, fixing leaks, clearing clutter and keeping firewood away from the house all help prevent pests. Simple snap traps for an occasional mouse are reasonable. The point is to know when a problem has grown beyond what a store-bought product can handle.If you have tried sprays and traps and the problem keeps coming back, Termishield's Indianapolis team can help. Call the office at 2322 E Washington St to book a free inspection.Termishield | 2322 E Washington St, Indianapolis, IN 46201 | (317) 827-0166

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Termishield provides pest control in Indianapolis from its office on East Washington Street, with free inspections, quarterly Shield Advantage and Shield Premier plans, and specialty treatment for termites, bed bugs, cockroaches, rodents, stinging insects, mosquitoes and wildlife. Locally owned and family operated since 2007. Indiana license F35923. Pest Control in Indianapolis: Frequently Asked Questions How much will it cost for pest control? Pest control cost in Indianapolis depends on the pest, how widespread the activity is, the size and construction of the property and whether you choose a one-time treatment or ongoing service. Specialty pests such as termites, bed bugs and heavy rodent activity take more time and follow up than general household pests. Termishield gives a property-specific estimate after a free inspection, so you know the scope and price before any treatment begins. Is $70 a month good for pest control? A monthly figure on its own does not tell you much. Compare what is included: how many pests are covered, how often a technician visits, whether interior treatment is part of the plan and whether re-treatments between visits are free. Termishield's Shield Advantage and Shield Premier plans spread quarterly service into monthly convenience payments and include free re-treatments if covered pests return between visits. Ask for the scope in writing before you sign up with any company. How much does it cost to have an exterminator come out? Many companies charge for an initial visit, but Termishield's inspections in Indianapolis are free. A technician checks the inside and outside of the property, confirms which pests are active and how they are getting in, then explains the recommended treatment and price. You decide whether to go ahead once you have that information. Which is the hardest pest to get rid of? Bed bugs, German cockroaches and termites are usually the hardest. Bed bugs hide in tiny cracks and resist many store-bought products, German cockroaches breed fast and travel between apartments, and termites stay hidden inside wood and soil for years. All three need a thorough professional plan with follow up rather than a single spray. Will an exterminator get rid of roaches? Yes, in most cases, provided the treatment reaches where the roaches live and breed. Effective cockroach control uses gel baits, crack and crevice treatment and growth regulators behind appliances, under sinks and inside cabinets, followed by a return visit to catch newly hatched roaches. In apartment buildings and doubles, treating every connected unit gives the best result. What is the best pest control treatment for bed bugs? The most reliable approach is a professional, multi-step plan: a thorough inspection to confirm activity and map its spread, targeted treatment of beds, furniture, baseboards and other hiding places, and follow up visits to catch bugs hatching from eggs. Good preparation, such as laundering bedding on high heat and reducing clutter, is a big part of success. Foggers and

store sprays rarely reach where bed bugs hide. How to spot bed bugs? Check mattress seams, box springs, bed frames and headboards for small rusty or dark spots, pale shed skins, tiny white eggs and the bugs themselves, which are flat, reddish-brown and about the size of an apple seed. Itchy bites in a line or cluster after sleeping can be another clue. If you find signs, avoid moving items to other rooms and book an inspection. What to do if you slept in a bed with bed bugs? Wash the bites with soap and water and avoid scratching them; speak to a pharmacist or doctor if they become infected or you have a strong reaction. Wash the bedding and the clothes you slept in on high heat, bag items before moving them and inspect your luggage if you were traveling. If the bed was in your own home, arrange a professional inspection quickly before the bugs spread to other rooms. How to deter rodents in a house? Take away food, shelter and access. Store dry food and pet food in sealed containers, clear clutter from basements and garages, keep firewood away from exterior walls and trim plants touching the house. Most important of all, seal gaps around pipes, vents, garage doors and foundations, since a mouse can fit through an opening about the width of a pencil. Professional rodent exclusion does this thoroughly. How much do companies charge to get rid of rats? Rat control pricing depends on how many rats are present, where they are nesting and how much exclusion work is needed to seal entry points. Rats are warier than mice and often take longer to remove, so most jobs involve more than one visit. Termishield inspects first and provides a property-specific estimate covering removal and sealing, so the problem does not return. What are the five main methods of pest control? Professional pest control usually combines inspection and monitoring, exclusion (sealing entry points), sanitation and habitat changes such as fixing leaks and removing clutter, mechanical methods such as traps, and targeted product applications such as baits and perimeter treatments. Using them together, often called integrated pest management, controls pests while keeping product use to what is actually needed. How often should pest control be done? Most homes benefit from quarterly service, which lines treatment up with the seasonal changes in pest activity across central Indiana. Homes with recurring infestations, older construction or heavy outdoor pressure may need extra visits until the problem is under control, while some isolated issues only need a single treatment. A free inspection is the best way to decide.