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small children and pets who might be sickened by the poisons.

If you decide to use sprays, use them outside, not in your home. Also, you should use them before there's a serious influx of stink bugs, according to the UW-Extension. Insecticides are not recommended for dealing with lady beetles.

To help keep bugs out of your home, limit their ability to get in. Seal cracks and crevices and look for openings around windows and doors. It's also a good idea to review your basement and attic, according to the UW-Extension.

If you use a window air conditioner, remove it during months when you don't need it. When it installed and in use, make sure it's tightly sealed so bugs can't get in through openings in liners or along sides.

Another trick is to use light traps. According to Orkin, these traps attract insects in dark areas, such as basements and attics. Like other bugs, lady beetles and stink bugs are drawn to light.

The Reedsburg Independent's editor found another source of stink-bug control: Spiders. In 2021, she left alone all spiders in her home (unless they posed risks for serious bites, such as the brown recluse). She found that everything from cellar spiders to grass spiders went after these odorous crawlers. One resourceful spider built a web under a window-mounted air conditioner and fed on anything that happened to slip through the vents. This included a couple of stink bugs.

Where'd they come from?

You're not going crazy; the amount of bugs is increasing. That's because both have no natural predators in Wisconsin.

According to the UW-Extension, stink bugs arrived in the United States in the 1990s from Asia. The EPA believes they hitched a ride on shipping containers. Like other invasives, they found plenty of food and no threats, meaning their numbers grew. By the 2000s, they were considered a problem, and now they are so commonplace that you can pretty much find them anywhere. Even Wisconsin winters haven't deterred them; they're known to still buzz and crawl around homes even in wintertime.

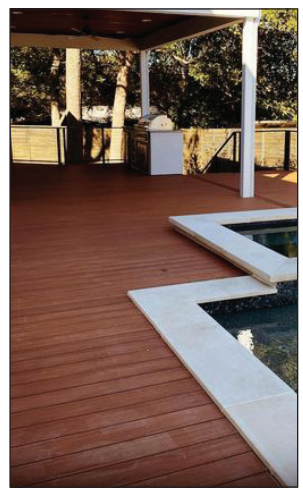
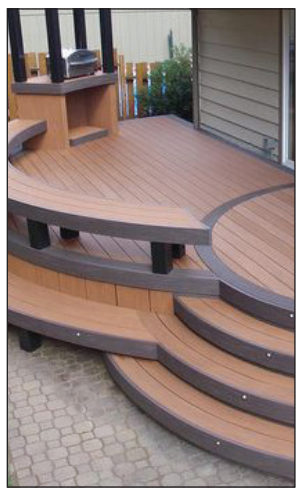
The same is true of Asian lady beetles. Chances are you or someone you know has them ever present in their home. They are more common in rural areas (near farms that provide food for them) but they can be found anywhere. Like stink bugs, they can survive in a warm home, even in December or January.

They are also known to give off an odor, especially in large groups, but it's not as noxious as that of stink bugs.

Asian lady beetles also have more redeeming qualities than stink bugs. According to the Extension of New Hampshire, these bugs have been found to kill nuisances like aphids and mealybugs. These pests feed on gardens and farms.

Like stink bugs, they are believed to have arrived on shipments during the 1990s.

Lady beetles are frightfully fertile. According to Orkin, one female can lay 1,000 eggs, which hatch within five days, and she can have more than one batch per year. Also, a single bug can live for up to three years.

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