



Fernwood Family Pest Safety Checklist

Protecting Young Families in Pike County's Growing Community

Pike Vermin Pro - Fernwood's Family-First Pest Control



Infants & Toddlers (0-3 years) - Extra Protection Needed



Nursery & Baby Areas



Check behind crib weekly for spider webs or insect activity



Seal all cracks near changing table where ants might enter



Store baby formula/food in sealed containers to prevent ant attraction



Vacuum under nursery furniture weekly



Play Areas



Inspect toy boxes monthly for carpet beetles or moths



Keep snack areas clean to prevent ant trails



Wash stuffed animals regularly in hot water



Young Children (4-8 years) - Active Exploration Phase



Playroom & Living Areas

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Check under furniture where children play for black widow spiders

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Inspect closets and storage areas for brown recluse hiding spots

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Keep craft supplies in sealed containers to prevent silverfish



Outdoor Access Areas

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Check sandbox monthly for fire ant activity - common in Fernwood area

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Inspect playground equipment for wasp nests before children play

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Keep garage doors closed to prevent spider/rodent entry



School Age (9-15 years) - Independence Building



Bedrooms & Study Areas

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Check bed frames monthly for bed bug signs

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Keep backpacks off floor to prevent pest hitchhiking

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Organize closets to eliminate clutter where pests hide



Snack & Study Areas

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Clean up food crumbs immediately after snacking

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Keep drinks covered to prevent fruit fly attraction



Fernwood Emergency Pest Situations - When to Act Immediately

Fire Ant Swarms: Common in Fernwood yards. Remove children from area immediately and locate nest source.

Wasp Nest Near Play Area: Keep children indoors until professional removal. Common in Fernwood's tree-lined neighborhoods.

Spider Bite Symptoms: Seek medical attention immediately. Brown recluse and black widow present in Pike County.

Multiple Rodent Sightings: May indicate larger infestation. Protect food and contact Pike Vermin Pro immediately.



Fernwood Seasonal Family Safety Notes

Spring (March-May): Fire ant activity increases as weather warms. Check play areas weekly.

Summer (June-August): Peak wasp and tick season. Inspect outdoor toys and equipment daily.

Fall (September-November): Rodents seek indoor shelter. Seal entry points and monitor for activity.

Winter (December-February): Spiders retreat to warm indoor spaces. Check storage areas monthly.

Customized for Fernwood families by Pike Vermin Pro

Keeping Pike County's growing families safe with child-focused pest prevention

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