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***Ventura County Events***

**60th Annual Gem,  
Mineral & Fossil Show**  
March 4th & 5th 10am to 5pm  
Ventura County Fairgrounds

**Point Mugu Air Show**  
March 18 - 19  
Pt. Mugu Naval Base  
[www.pointmuguairshow.com](http://www.pointmuguairshow.com)

**Spring Arts & Crafts  
Festival**  
March 4th 10am to 5pm  
Borchard Community Center  
Newbury Park

**Flashlight Egg Hunt**  
March 31st 7pm to 9pm  
Conejo Creek Park South  
Thousand Oaks

**Spring Spectacular at  
America's Teaching Zoo**  
March 18th/19th & 25th/6th  
Moorpark College Zoo  
[zoo.moorparkcollege.edu](http://zoo.moorparkcollege.edu)

**Keep Your Home Pest Free**

Usually, every spring people welcome warm breezes and blooming gardens with open arms, especially after a long, cold winter. However, in all the excitement of mild weather and brighter days, many homeowners forget the pests that re-emerge with warmer temperatures and make their way into our comfortable homes. Some of the more common pests that like to come in are:



**ANTS** - Ants are some of the most common pests in the home with the arrival of spring. As the weather warms up, ants begin to forage and search for new locations.

**SPIDERS** - Spiders are common in garages, basements, attics, porches, and other sheltered areas. However, if you notice the arachnids in your home, it could indicate the presence of other insects that are prey to the spider. Although you may not like them, you do not want to kill spiders because they can help control the nuisance insect population around your home.

**HOUSE FLIES** - The spring is the time to open windows and doors, to let the stale winter air out of your house, and to embrace the refreshing breeze that pours through your windows. Unfortunately, when you leave doors and windows open, you invite pesky insects like flies – and it can be hard to get them to shoo!

**EARWIGS** - As flowers seemingly pop out of the soil, so do earwigs. Male earwigs dig their way out of the ground searching for food in the spring. These bugs are most active at night and soon after they hatch. The insects remain active through the spring and summer, with warm temperatures keeping them comfortable.



**BEES** - The spring represents the busiest time for bees. There are several reasons for the increased activity, but the two primary reasons are foraging and colony development. Bees might build a hive in your home's walls if it provides adequate room and protection. However, most people end up with bees in the house because of open windows and doors.

## Welcome to Ventura Management

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### Happy St. Patrick's Day! March 17th

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### Keep Your Home Pest Free (Cont.)

Now that you know a little about the most common home pests, here are a few tips to keep them away.

**Remove food sources** - Crumbs on the floor can be very attractive to ants and other insects. Food leftovers can be appealing to rats, as well as the food in uncovered trash cans. This can also attract flies, which will lay their eggs on the rotting food. Mosquitoes are attracted to standing water.

**Seal possible entrances** - Even if there are pests outside and food sources in your home, as long as they can't reach them, they won't affect you. Check your screens and walls for holes, and your doors and windows for gaps. Seal cracks and openings and fix any issues as soon as possible, to not allow the pests to enter your home.

**Dispose of waste correctly** - Garbage is a great source of food for rats, mice, flies, birds and other pests. So make sure to dispose of the waste in a proper way and to keep the garbage bins closed at all times. Definitely do not throw uncovered meat in the garbage. The summer sun will rot the meat rapidly, and this will immediately attract pests.

**Keep your home dry** - Humidity attracts mosquitoes, but it can also cause other food items to decay quicker than usual, which will attract a variety of pests. Standing water is the perfect breeding ground for mosquitoes, so make sure to regularly check your home for any.

**Clear out your drains regularly** - The drains in your sink can collect a lot of residue and food that is rotten, which will become very attractive to cockroaches, flies and other pests. So clear out your drains on a regular basis. Not only you will prevent pests, but you will also keep your sink well running and smelling fresh.

**Store food correctly** - Store all the food in sealed containers and do not leave any uncovered fruits and vegetables around the kitchen. As they get overly ripe, they will attract fruit flies and other bugs.

**Clear away clutter** - Besides food and water, all pests are also looking for a place to mate and raise their young. A cluttered and messy home can make a great hiding spot for all sorts of creatures.

### March Quote:

*Life is not a competition. The only person you need to be better than is the person you were yesterday.*

... Anonymous

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