

A Bug's Life

Brown marmorated stink bug

Halyomorpha halys

Fun facts

- Indoor pest in NE because they overwinter as adults indoors
- Voracious eater that damages fruit, vegetable and nut crops elsewhere
- Walk up sunny side of house in fall, enter through doors, gaps and vents
- Fly indoors on warm sunny days and attempt to get outside in spring
- Release a pungent odor as defense



Identification

Eggs: Laid in clusters on underside of leaf, look like little barrels

Nymph: Young nymphs are bright colored and round, older reddish-brown with spines

Adult: Mottled brown, smooth shoulders, margin of abdomen alternate light and dark bands, white bands on antennae and legs



Management

- Reduce home invasion by sealing entrances like gaps into home
- Spray of soapy water when bugs are aggregating on exterior walls
- Vacuum or sweep up dead bugs
- In reoccurring infestations, professional treatment may be able to provide adequate barrier, but timing of application is critical



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