

Why are we essential?

The pest control industry is considered essential service by the federal and state government because....

The service we provide has a direct impact on public health, food and property. Insects, rodents and nuisance wild life, left unchecked can cause the spread diseases and damage to food supplies and homes and businesses.

The professional pest control industry, an essential service, is responsible for the protection of public health, food and property. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture have prepared a list of significant public health pests <https://www.epa.gov/insect-repellents/list-pests-significant-public-health-importance>, many of which are controlled by the professional pest control industry. We play a vital role in protecting our nation's public health and food supply. Pests can spread diseases such as West Nile virus, Lyme disease, salmonellosis, hantavirus and encephalitis. Stinging insects force half a million people to the emergency room every year. Cockroach and rodent allergens trigger asthma attacks in children; rodents contaminate or consume about 20% of the world's food supply and bed bugs can cause allergic reactions. The importance of the pest control industry to the nation as an essential service cannot be understated.

What are our responsibilities?

We will continue to do the important work that our clients hired us to do. As we service homes and businesses, we must follow these guidelines.

1. Treat exteriors only whenever possible.
2. If it is necessary to treat interiors due to a specific issue, follow all safety guidelines.
 - Wear mask or respirators
 - Wear gloves and booties
 - Respect the six-foot distance recommendation
3. Wash your hands with sanitizer or instant soap and water often
4. If you are sick or have been in contact with someone who is sick, you must notify Ron
5. We will be postponing our typical Monday morning meetings
6. In order to safe guard the office staff we will be reducing the time and number of techs in the office.
7. We will be creating a schedule for techs to come to the office to pick up supplies and drop off paperwork and checks.

There is no doubt that over the next several week things will be changing and evolving. My goal is to keep everyone working and safe. It is important the everyone does their part to help us all come through this as a team.

If anyone has questions or concerns please reach out to me.

Above all else, respect the concerns of our clients and as you communicate with them be confident in your ability to protect their home or business from insects and rodents and that you are taking the proper steps to protect them and you.

It is vitally important now more than ever that we all keep in mind that the work we do is very important or in other words essential.