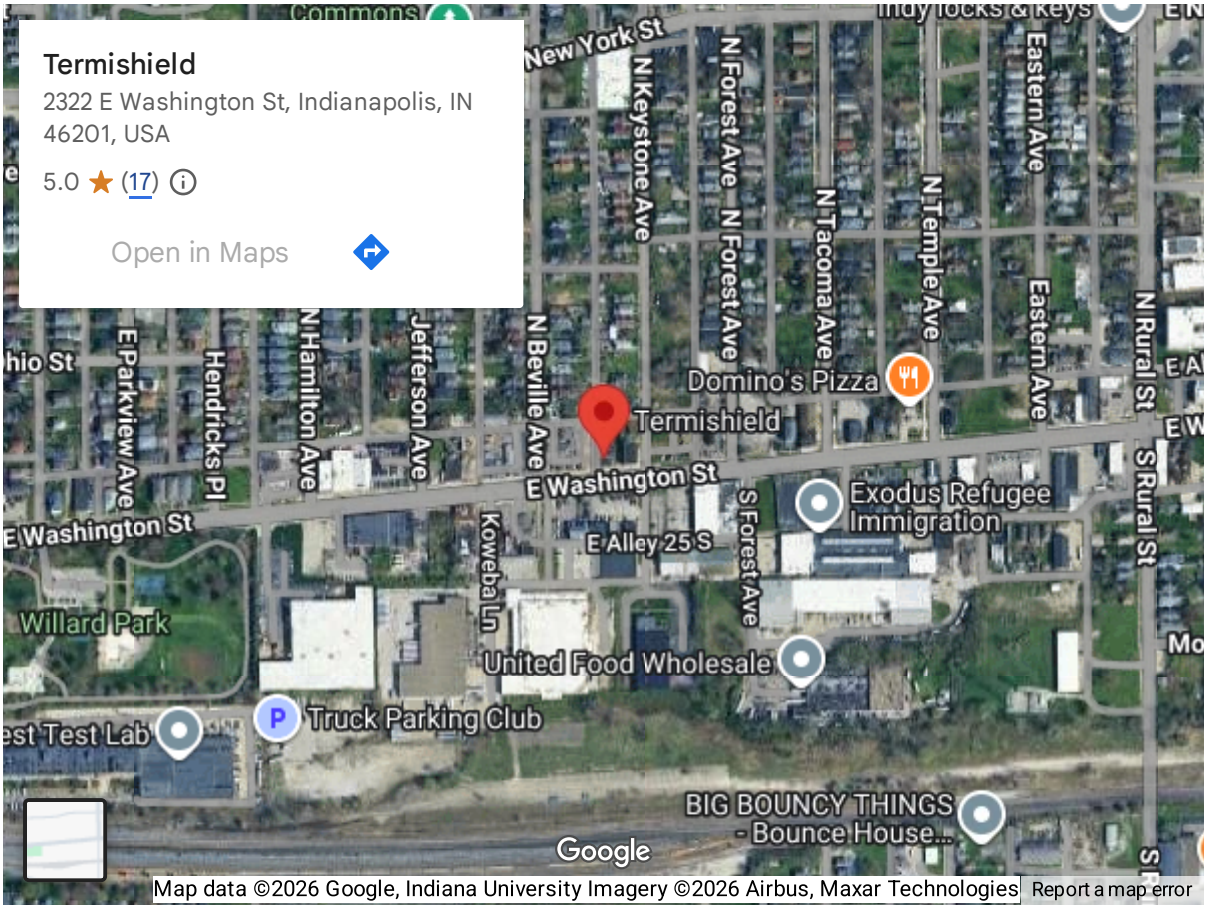
Eco-Friendly or Traditional Pest Control: Options for Indianapolis Families

More Indianapolis households are asking about eco-friendly pest control, whether because of young children, pets, a backyard vegetable garden or simply a preference for lower-impact treatment. Termishield offers both traditional and eco-friendly treatment options, and the right choice depends on the pest, the property and the household's priorities.Traditional pest control uses professional-grade products that are highly effective Pest control Termishield against a wide range of pests. When applied by licensed technicians according to label directions, they are regulated and targeted. They are often the best option for stubborn or serious problems, such as established termite colonies, heavy cockroach infestations or bed bugs, where speed and thoroughness matter most.Eco-friendly options focus on lower-impact products and methods. That can include botanically derived products, targeted baits that keep active ingredients contained, and a stronger emphasis on non-chemical methods. Many effective pest control strategies are naturally low impact: sealing entry points to keep rodents out, removing standing water to reduce mosquitoes, de-webbing eaves and windows, and fixing moisture problems that attract centipedes, silverfish and termites.In practice, most good pest control combines both. This approach, often called integrated pest management, starts with inspection and prevention and uses products only where and when they are needed. Termishield's process follows that pattern: a free inspection to identify the pest and the conditions supporting it, targeted treatment, then prevention steps such as sealing structural gaps and reducing moisture. The company's view is that protecting your home should not mean compromising your family's health or the environment.There are trade-offs to be aware of. Some eco-friendly products may need more frequent application or work more slowly than traditional options. For certain pests, traditional treatments may be the most responsible choice because they solve the problem quickly and reduce the total amount of treatment needed over time. Technicians can explain the pros and cons for each situation.For households with specific concerns, such as pets that like to dig, a child with asthma or a neighbor's beehive nearby, it is worth mentioning those details during the inspection so the plan can be adjusted.Termishield has been locally owned since 2007 and is a member of the National Pest Management Association and the Indiana Pest Management Association. Indianapolis homeowners who want to discuss eco-friendly and traditional options can call the East Washington Street office to arrange a free inspection.Termishield | 2322 E Washington St, Indianapolis, IN 46201 | (317) 827-0166

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Termishield provides pest control in Indianapolis from its office on East Washington Street, with free inspections, quarterly Shield Advantage and Shield Premier plans, and specialty treatment for termites, bed bugs, cockroaches, rodents, stinging insects, mosquitoes and wildlife. Locally owned and family operated since 2007. Indiana license F35923. Pest Control in Indianapolis: Frequently Asked Questions How much will it cost for pest control? Pest control cost in Indianapolis depends on the pest, how widespread the activity is, the size and construction of the property and whether you choose a one-time treatment or ongoing service. Specialty pests such as termites, bed bugs and heavy rodent activity take more time and follow up than general household pests. Termishield gives a property-specific estimate after a free inspection, so you know the scope and price before any treatment begins. Is $70 a month good for pest control? A monthly figure on its own does not tell you much. Compare what is included: how many pests are covered, how often a technician visits, whether interior treatment is part of the plan and whether re-treatments between visits are free. Termishield's Shield Advantage and Shield Premier plans spread quarterly service into monthly convenience payments and include free re-treatments if covered pests return between visits. Ask for the scope in writing before you sign up with any company. How much does it cost to have an exterminator come out? Many companies charge for an initial visit, but Termishield's inspections in Indianapolis are free. A technician checks the inside and outside of the property, confirms which pests are active and how they are getting in, then explains the recommended treatment and price. You decide whether to go ahead once you have that information. Which is the hardest pest to get rid of? Bed bugs, German cockroaches and termites are usually the hardest. Bed bugs hide in tiny cracks and resist many store-bought products, German cockroaches breed fast and travel between apartments, and termites stay hidden inside wood and soil for years. All three need a thorough professional plan with follow up rather than a single spray. Will an exterminator get rid of roaches? Yes, in most cases, provided the treatment reaches where the roaches live and breed. Effective cockroach control uses gel baits, crack and crevice treatment and growth regulators behind appliances, under sinks and inside cabinets, followed by a return visit to catch newly hatched roaches. In apartment buildings and doubles, treating every connected unit gives the best result. What is the best pest control treatment for bed bugs? The most reliable approach is a professional, multi-step plan: a thorough inspection to confirm activity and map its spread, targeted treatment of beds, furniture, baseboards and other hiding places, and follow up visits to catch bugs hatching from eggs. Good preparation, such as laundering bedding on high heat and reducing clutter, is a big part of success. Foggers and

store sprays rarely reach where bed bugs hide. How to spot bed bugs? Check mattress seams, box springs, bed frames and headboards for small rusty or dark spots, pale shed skins, tiny white eggs and the bugs themselves, which are flat, reddish-brown and about the size of an apple seed. Itchy bites in a line or cluster after sleeping can be another clue. If you find signs, avoid moving items to other rooms and book an inspection. What to do if you slept in a bed with bed bugs? Wash the bites with soap and water and avoid scratching them; speak to a pharmacist or doctor if they become infected or you have a strong reaction. Wash the bedding and the clothes you slept in on high heat, bag items before moving them and inspect your luggage if you were traveling. If the bed was in your own home, arrange a professional inspection quickly before the bugs spread to other rooms. How to deter rodents in a house? Take away food, shelter and access. Store dry food and pet food in sealed containers, clear clutter from basements and garages, keep firewood away from exterior walls and trim plants touching the house. Most important of all, seal gaps around pipes, vents, garage doors and foundations, since a mouse can fit through an opening about the width of a pencil. Professional rodent exclusion does this thoroughly. How much do companies charge to get rid of rats? Rat control pricing depends on how many rats are present, where they are nesting and how much exclusion work is needed to seal entry points. Rats are warier than mice and often take longer to remove, so most jobs involve more than one visit. Termishield inspects first and provides a property-specific estimate covering removal and sealing, so the problem does not return. What are the five main methods of pest control? Professional pest control usually combines inspection and monitoring, exclusion (sealing entry points), sanitation and habitat changes such as fixing leaks and removing clutter, mechanical methods such as traps, and targeted product applications such as baits and perimeter treatments. Using them together, often called integrated pest management, controls pests while keeping product use to what is actually needed. How often should pest control be done? Most homes benefit from quarterly service, which lines treatment up with the seasonal changes in pest activity across central Indiana. Homes with recurring infestations, older construction or heavy outdoor pressure may need extra visits until the problem is under control, while some isolated issues only need a single treatment. A free inspection is the best way to decide.