Parshall Pest Control Experts Explains 2026 Bug Barometer Forecast for Grand Rapids: Earlier, More Intense Pest Season in the Changing Climate

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Parshall Pest Control Experts is drawing attention to new national and regional forecasts indicating that Grand Rapids and the broader Great Lakes region should expect an earlier and more intense season for mosquitoes, ticks, ants, and cockroaches in 2026. The company is interpreting the National Pest Management Association?s (NPMA) latest Bug Barometer® report and related climate research to help residents understand how shifting weather patterns are changing local pest pressures. The NPMA?s Spring & Summer 2026 Bug Barometer® predicts that rising spring temperatures and recent winter conditions will allow many pests to emerge sooner and in greater numbers across the United States. Learn more at http://finance.minyanville.com/minyanville/article/pressadvantage-2026-3-13-parshall-pest-control-urges-grand-rapids-residents-to-prepare-now-as-michigan-tick-season-begins-weeks-ahead-of-schedule.

According to NPMA?s regional breakdown, the Great Lakes, Ohio Valley, and Midwest ? a region that includes Michigan ? can expect fly, tick, ant, and cockroach invasions this spring and summer, with ant and cockroach activity moving indoors following periods of heavy rainfall. A companion NPMA news release notes that the 2026 forecast is driven by a winter marked by plunging temperatures and unusual precipitation

patterns, which can insulate pests under snow and create favorable breeding conditions once temperatures rise.

Climate and public-health experts in Michigan have reported similar trends. Research from Michigan State University entomologists, summarized by Michigan Public, explains that mosquitoes in the state can remain active whenever temperatures stay above about 50 degrees Fahrenheit, and that warming conditions have already extended mosquito activity further into the fall. Additional reporting from Bridge Michigan notes that record-high spring temperatures have prompted mosquitoes to emerge as much as a month earlier than typical, and that climate change is lengthening mosquito season both in spring and fall.

Tick activity is also closely tied to temperature and humidity. A 2026 interview with Michigan State University tick researcher Jean Tsao explains that adult blacklegged ticks, which can transmit Lyme disease, become active once temperatures remain above approximately 35?40 degrees Fahrenheit for several days, meaning activity can begin in late winter or early spring during milder years. Separate coverage focused on tick encounters in Michigan notes that warmer winters and changes in land use are increasing the frequency and geographic range of tick exposure for residents across the state.

Indoor pest pressures linked to moisture are expected to rise as well. NPMA analyses of past seasons have found that excessive moisture and repeated rain events can drive outdoor cockroach, ant, and fly populations indoors in search of food and shelter, contributing to increased indoor pest complaints. Educational materials from pest management organizations similarly describe how heavy rain can flood underground ant nests and encourage colonies to relocate into homes and other structures to escape saturated soil and find drier conditions.

Parshall Pest Control Experts is using these data-driven forecasts to explain what the 2026 Bug Barometer® means in practical terms for Grand Rapids residents. ?The national forecast and Michigan climate findings point to more frequent and earlier encounters with mosquitoes and ticks outdoors, and increased ant and cockroach activity indoors after rain events,? a company representative said. ?Our goal is to help homeowners and property managers understand the trends and take informed, evidence-based steps to reduce pest issues on their properties.?

Independent and peer-reviewed research supports a combination of environmental management and targeted treatments as effective strategies for reducing certain pest risks around homes. For ticks, a review in the journal Journal of Medical Entomology and related CDC-supported guidance report that landscape measures?such as removing leaf litter, managing vegetation at yard edges, and adjusting habitat where ticks and their hosts thrive?can help lower tick encounter rates in residential settings. A CDC technical report

similarly finds that controlled applications of certain synthetic acaricides to tick habitat in residential landscapes can substantially reduce the abundance of host-seeking nymphal ticks for weeks to months after treatment, when used as part of broader integrated tick management programs.

For mosquitoes, Michigan State University extension experts and the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services recommend removing standing water from items such as buckets, bird baths, and tires; maintaining gutters; and addressing low spots where water accumulates, because mosquitoes require standing water to complete their life cycle. These agencies emphasize that while no single measure eliminates risk, consistent environmental management and personal protection measures can significantly reduce exposure to mosquito bites and the diseases they can transmit.

Community members have also commented on the role of established local providers in managing changing pest conditions. One Grand Rapids resident, Jessica Tingley Google Review, described their experience with Parshall Pest Control Experts by stating: ?I can?t say enough great things about Scott and Taylor with Parshall Pest Control! They are affordable, reliable, and always go the extra mile whenever we?ve had unwanted bug visitors. Every time we?ve needed them, they?ve been quick to respond and thorough with their work. It gives me peace of mind knowing I can count on them to keep our home pest-free. We will definitely continue to use their services in the future?highly recommend!?

ABOUT PARSHALL PEST CONTROL EXPERTS: Parshall Pest Control Experts is a licensed pest management company based in Grand Rapids, Michigan, serving residential and commercial properties in the greater Grand Traverse area. The company provides inspection, monitoring, and treatment services for a range of structural and outdoor pests, including mosquitoes, ticks, ants, cockroaches, rodents, and stinging insects, and incorporates current public-health and industry guidance into its service protocols. Contact Parshall Pest Control Experts online at https://parshallpestcontrol.com/exterminator-grand-rapids-kent-county.

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