

A Bumper Woodworm Season?

Each year between May & October [Common Furniture Beetle](#), or Woodworm as it is commonly termed, exit from flooring and roof timbers in thousands of properties in the UK and this is called the “Flight Season”. However, 2009 could be significantly worse than in previous years.

Historical data shows there was an increased incidence of sightings in 2005 and, as the insects have an approximate four-year life cycle, there could be a much larger crop of emerging insects in 2009.

The life cycle starts with a small egg laid on or in the crevices of bare timber. The eggs are so small that they cannot be seen by the naked eye. The egg hatches into a small larvae and burrows beneath the surface of the timber for a period of roughly 3½ - 4 years increasing in size over this period as it eats wood from inside flooring, roof timbers and furniture.

The larvae then pupate near the surface of the timber and evolve into a beetle. The beetle then bites its way through the surface of the timber and produces the instantly recognisable small round holes.

The beetles are around 3-5mm long, brown in colour and have pitted marks on their wing cases. These little beetles are attracted by light and can often be found near windows, windowsills or around loft hatches.

If in doubt [contact Rentokil Property Care](#) for a survey. If the infestation remains untreated than serious damage can occur to your property.

For more information, please visit our dedicated [Woodworm Treatment](#) page.

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