



Matt Wyatt, Norton, used worms to catch this 7 1/2 inch, 5 ounce blue-gill on May 18.

Don't let bugs 'bug' you or your guests

(NAPSA) — Nothing can interrupt a barbecue or outdoor party like uninvited guests—bugs.

Mosquitoes, bees, ants and flies can become a nuisance during any event and can even cause serious diseases. The National Pest Management Association (NPMA) recommends the following to keep your event pest free:

- Pests love the food and drinks we enjoy. The typical barbecue menu, with fruit, desserts and sweetened beverages, is also a favorite menu for bugs. When planning an event, plan on serving foods and beverages indoors and reserve outdoor space for eating and entertaining.

- Mosquitoes, which can transmit West Nile Virus, breed in stagnant water. Before your party, remove or drain any sources of standing water on the party site, including birdbaths, wading pools, unfiltered swimming pools or garden ponds and children's toys.

- Mosquitoes are most active at dusk. Avoid scheduling the event for these hours. If a party is going to last until dusk or later, encourage

your guests to use a mosquito repellent containing DEET. Have extra bottles of mosquito repellent on hand for guests to use.

- Stinging insects send half a million people to the emergency room every year. Bees and wasps are attracted to fragrances, so avoid using fragrant candles as party decorations. Also, distance fragrant flowering plants from the event area.

- Store leftovers in wrapped or sealed containers. Wipe the outside of storage containers to remove any sweet or sticky food residue.

- Ants and flies are most synonymous with outdoor picnics. Avoiding them outdoors can be difficult, but cleaning and disposing of all beverage bottles and cans quickly and properly will remove a major pest attractant. Bring utensils and dishware indoors shortly after the meal, and dispose of all trash in tightly closed containers.



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