



COMMAND PEST CONTROL

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Volucella larvae – The larva (maggot of a hover fly species)



An unpleasant looking larva which can grow up to 1.5cm or more in length which eats old dead wasps and bees, wasp and bee larvae, wasp and bee pupa and their eggs.

Once a nest has been treated these flies sometimes find the nest, lay eggs and the larvae snack on dead insects in the nest.

Then the larvae decides to pupate and goes for a wander which means they are often seen on floors or are found dropping out of attics if the nest was in a roof void.

Control is difficult because the nest really has to be removed, this is almost impossible to achieve in many situations. As long as the nest is there these fly larvae may live very happily.

We can treat carpets and surfaces but as with all fly larvae they are difficult to control unless an oil-based insecticide is used.

For more advice and control recommendations contact us on 01787 248049