

## Hobo Spider



## Black Widow Spider



## Brown Recluse Spider



## Wolf Spider



# Spider Management

## Common Spiders

Most people are fearful of spiders despite the fact that they seldom bite humans and only a few species are harmful. In Montana, four known spiders are considered dangerous to humans. The Hobo Spider, Black Widow Spider, Brown Recluse Spider and Wolf Spider. All of these spiders can survive Montana's climate.

## Inspection and Identification

The first step in effective spider management is to conduct a thorough inspection of your property. Focus on likely spider habitat like garages, basements, crawl spaces and attics. Pay particular attention to lighting as this will attract insects that serve as food for the spiders. Always wear protective gloves while conducting the inspection to avoid bites.

## Five non-chemical tips

This is essential for effective spider management

- Changing exterior lighting
- Eliminating harborage
- Removing spider webs from outside
- Sealing cracks and removing screens
- Improving ventilation in attics and crawlspaces

## Insecticide Application

Mountain View Co-op recommends **Tempo® SC Ultra** for spider control.

**Indoors**, make spot or crack and crevice treatments with **Tempo® SC**

**Ultra** directly to spiders and to entry points such as around water pipes, doors, and windows. Treat areas where spiders normally feed or hide such as baseboards, corners, closets, behind furniture or stored items. In basements and crawl spaces, apply **Tempo® SC Ultra** to still plates and other areas where spiders build their webs or crawl.

**Outdoors**, make spot treatments directly to spiders and to areas they are likely to like around windows and doors, near light fixtures, under eaves, under window shutters, and in ornamentals located near the structure. Treat the foundation and complete perimeter for effective spider control. Always use protective gloves and eyewear when treating. **Tempo® SC Ultra** is odorless and leaves a clear almost invisible residue. \*Always read and follow label guidelines before using this product.

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