

What Are Millipedes?

Millipedes are slow-moving arthropods with many body segments & legs. They feed on decaying plant material & prefer moist environments. They are generally harmless to people & do not bite.

Before Your Technician Arrives:

- ☐ **Let us know where you are seeing the most millipede activity.** This helps us identify areas that may need attention.
- ☐ **Avoid indoor insecticide sprays.** Millipede activity is usually driven by outdoor conditions.
- ☐ **Vacuum.** Use a vacuum to suck up millipedes, then empty the bag or canister outside immediately.
- ☐ **Dry the air.** Plug in a dehumidifier in rooms with activity. Millipedes need moisture to survive and will quickly die or leave if the air is dry.
- ☐ **Remove excessive leaf litter**, decaying vegetation/wood & other organic debris near the foundation.

After Treatment:

- ☐ **Address moisture & drainage problems** around the structure. Avoid overwatering landscaping.
- ☐ **Keep vegetation**, leaf litter, mulch & other organic materials from creating damp conditions near the foundation.
- ☐ **Keep mulch appropriately managed** & avoid creating consistently damp areas against the foundation.
- ☐ **Seal obvious gaps** around doors, windows & other potential entry points.
- ☐ **Keep doors & windows** in good condition to help prevent millipedes from entering.

What to Expect:

Millipede activity can increase suddenly during favorable weather conditions & may decrease just as quickly as conditions change. Reducing moisture & outdoor habitat is an important part of long-term control.