

Carpenter bees are a problem in Southern Illinois most springs. The carpenter bee looks like a bumble bee that tends to buzz around the heads of people as they enter their homes or sit on the porch or deck.

The carpenter bee excavates tunnels in any unfinished seasoned wood, but they prefer softwoods such as cedar or pine. They are also known to tunnel in weathered treated pine.

The most effective control is to coat the tunnel entrances with an insecticidal dust such as Sevin. The dust have a larger residue than liquid insecticides.