

## **WHEN ONLY ROACHES SURVIVE**

Homeowners looking to evict insect pests frequently turn to total release foggers, the ominous “bug bombs” that require total evacuation and possession protection. But it’s what they don’t know that might cause the most damage.

According to the Pennsylvania Integrated Pest Management Program, over 500 fires and explosions are annually caused in the United States when those using the powerful tools don’t eliminate ignition sources – pilot lights and other open flames.

PA IPM recommends that homeowners turn to professional exterminators to use any type of fogger. Otherwise, not only might a home be lost, but the desired effects left lacking – IPM notes that in one 2003 case from San Diego, a house was blown apart when 19 bombs were accidentally ignited by a wall heater’s pilot light. “No one was hurt,” reads IPM’s report, “although several cockroaches survived the blast.”

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