

MGK has fast answer for scorpions and spiders

Anthem, Ariz., a planned community on the outskirts of Phoenix, was once named one of the best places to raise a family by *Parenting* magazine. But when residents saw scorpions climbing their walls, that



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positive image deteriorated quickly.

Unfortunately, scorpions are not an uncommon sight here, says Aaron Eubank, owner of Titan Pest Control in Anthem. He says about 95 percent of Titan's customers live in Anthem, and many of them complain about scorpions in their homes.

"Scorpions are indigenous to the area," Eubank says. "The Arizona bark scorpion (*Centruroides sculpturatus*) is the biggest problem and the only one that can climb onto walls and ceilings, which is exactly where people don't want to see them. Their sting is a severe neurotoxin, which is painful, and you can experience a numbing sensation if get you stung."

The good news is that Eubank found a product that swiftly eliminates scorpions and spiders, both inside and outside the house. It's called Onslaught FastCap, made by MGK in Golden Valley, Minn.

"I've been in the business for 18 years, and we've tried a lot of products on scorpions," Eubank says. "This one does a great job."

Eubank says Titan started applying Onslaught FastCap in the spring of 2016. The product held up well in hot granite yards, which are common in Anthem, and where temperatures can reach 115°F.

By the end of 2016, Titan technicians noticed that fewer customers were calling back for additional treatments. Onslaught FastCap had worked the first time around.

"I was surprised, because nothing had been that effective before," Eubank says. "We tried a lot of products and we still had issues. We would be rotating products all the time, trying to find something that really worked."



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Joe Bell, assistant marketing manager with MGK, says Onslaught FastCap is not just for spiders and scorpions. The insecticide effectively deals with more than 180 types of insects — including mosquitoes, ticks and flies.

"We developed Onslaught FastCap because professionals were looking for a product that would produce a quick knockdown for stinging and biting insects, like spiders and scorpions," Bell says. "Onslaught FastCap kills quickly, and also keeps killing with its residual action."

MGK has developed a host of pest management products for more than 100 years. The company now markets and sells them to professionals across the United States and worldwide.

Bell reports that MGK started as a spice company in 1902. In the 1920s, a company chemist found a way to extract pyrethrum, a botanical insecticide, from a plant in the chrysanthemum family.

"It's an extremely effective insecticide," Bell says. "Even Roman soldiers crushed chrysanthemums to prevent lice."

From there, MGK expanded its focus and continued to create other innovative pest management products such as Onslaught FastCap.



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