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How serious are brown recluse bites?



Brown recluse spiders are among the most dangerous in North America. PROVIDED BY KILLINGSWORTH ENVIRONMENTAL

What to look for in your home

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Brown recluse spiders are present in Louisiana, and these spiders have necrotic venom and bites sometimes require medical attention.

Brown recluses can be characterized by a distinct dark brown, violin-shaped patch on the front part of the back of its body.
If you suspect a brown recluse is in your home, professional pest management should be contacted.

How do I get rid of brown recluse in my home? What to know about nests and spider prevention

To directly eliminate brown recluses,

vacuums with a hose attachment can be used to suck up spiders, webs and egg sacs. Vacuum bags or canisters should immediately be emptied outside to prevent escape.
Sticky traps can be placed against walls and in dark corners to catch and monitor spider activity, and residual insecticides can be applied around baseboards and in other hiding spots.
Additionally, diatomaceous earth,

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State has many historical cemeteries

Cemetery in Natchitoches is considered the oldest

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The oldest cemetery in the U.S. is said to be the Myles Standish Burial Ground, which dates back to approximately 1638.
This may be the oldest maintained cemetery, but there are burial mounds that predate modern history, such as the



Tombstones are shown in a graveyard in 2021 in Jean Lafitte.
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Grave Creek Mound that dates back to 250 BCE.
While these predate Louisiana's cemeteries, the state is home to oldest cemetery within borders of the Louisiana Purchase.

American Cemetery in Natchitoches is the oldest cemetery in Louisiana

The American Cemetery in Natchitoches, located at 2nd St. STE 200, is

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Louisiana AG ends inquiry into Council

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The Attorney General's Office concluded its review of a potential Open Meetings Law violation by the Terrebonne Parish Council.
Assistant Attorney General Jared Matte side-stepped the question of whether the Council broke the law Aug. 11 and determined that a later action by the council on Sept. 24 made the original action a moot point. Matte's decision was detailed in a letter sent to Parish President Jason Bergeron on Oct. 9.
"In light of the subsequent action, we pretermitt any further consideration of whether the August 11 substitute motion violated the Open Meetings Law," Matte wrote. "Even assuming that a violation may have occurred, any such violation was cured by the Council's September 24 adoption of the bond ordinance."

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Will LA troops get paid October 15?

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President Trump and House Speaker Mike Johnson said active duty U.S. military men and women, including about 30,000 serving on Louisiana installations at Barksdale Air Force Base and Fort Polk, will get paid on Oct. 15 despite the government shutdown.
Trump announced on Oct. 11 that his administration had found existing funding to pay the troops in a post on Truth Social.
"... We have identified funds to do this, and Secretary (Pete) Hegseth will use them to PAY OUR TROOPS," Trump said in the post. "I will not allow the Democrats to hold our Military, and the entire Security of our Nation, HOSTAGE, with their dangerous Government Shutdown."
Oct. 13 is Day 13 of the shutdown

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