HOW TO PROTECT YOUR HOME FROM TERMITES

Many termite problems can be prevented. The most important thing to do is to deny termites access to food (wood), moisture and shelter. Follow these suggestions:

- Make sure there's a clearance of least 2 inches between the house and planter boxes, or soil-filled porches.
- Seal openings through the foundation.
- Eliminate all wood-to-soil contact, such as trellises, fence posts, stair casings and door facings (they can be put on masonry blocks or on treated wood).
- Use wolmanized wood (pressure-treated wood) so that rain will not rot it.
- Remove wood scraps and stumps from around the foundation.
- Make sure there's at least 12 to 18 inches of clearance between floor beams and the soil underneath.
- Make sure there's adequate space between the house and any shrubbery to make it easier to inspect the foundation.





If you or your InterNACHI® inspector has confirmed a termite infestation in your house, you'll need to call a structural pest control company. If you have drywood termites, you have several options. If the infestation is contained in a small area, local or spot control may be effective. Fumigation and heating of the whole house are the only options that ensure eradication in the entire structure.

DID YOU KNOW?

Termites never sleep! These tiny insects work 24/7, consuming wood and other cellulose materials. That's why early detection is crucial to prevent serious damage. Regular inspections can save you from costly repairs.

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