



If You See These Things It's Time To Invest In Termite Control

The last thing that you want to hear is that your home is already infested with termites. However, in most of America, these pests are hard to avoid. And while they are small and harmless to human beings, termites can cause extensive damage when untreated in your home.

Here are some early signs that your home is in need of termite control:

Wings And Frass

If you've ever had termites in your home or office you know exactly what I'm talking about. One day, you open your desk drawer to find a pile of small wings. Whose wings are these? How did they get there? After termites have swarmed your home they shed their wings and make themselves comfortable for the foreseeable future. If you're unfamiliar with the word frass, you may know it as those random piles of tiny pellets that appear out of nowhere on your windowsill. Those harmless little pellets are actually tiny termite poops. When you see frass around your home, it's a clear sign that those termites who dropped their wings are now settling in for dinner. If you don't already have a termite control company on your side, now is a great time to invest in one.

Buckling Or Squeaking Floors

If you have an older, wood frame home with a crawl space there is a good chance you have (or have had) termites. Termites, like other creepy crawlies love damp, dark spaces and where better to find those than underneath your home? If the wooden floors in your home have begun to speak or buckle you may want to check and see what is going on below. Invite a termite control specialist to walk around your home and look for the signs of damage that can only come from termites.

Mud Tubes On Your Foundation

Unlike the termites that swarm and leave their wings lying around your home, subterranean termites live below ground. When they make the move into your home, they do so by building mud tubes from the ground, up your home's foundation, and into the fresh wood inside. These tubes, often the diameter of a pencil are used to provide shelter to the termites so they can safely move in and out of your house. Termites are ubiquitous in the state of Florida, so we highly recommend that you walk the perimeter of your home in search of these mud tubes. Don't waste another moment wondering if your home is safe from termites. Do some research of your own and



keep a lookout for these telltale signs of an infestation. If you're prepared to take even further action, **here are a few things you'll want to be sure to bring with you when you're ready to begin the fumigation process:**

Medicines, Toiletries, and Skin Care Products

Some of these things you'll need for use while you're out of the house. But you'll want to bring with you any and all toiletries that are applied on your skin, or ingested into your body. Of course, you can leave behind unopened bottles of shampoo or toothpaste, buy anything with a broken seal that could absorb chemicals and release them later on, should be carried out with you.

Raw And Previously Opened Foods

The same logic applies to food. If the gases can permeate its packaging you should take it with you. That includes fruits and vegetables, bread, boxes of pasta, and opened spice containers. You'll also want to remove everything from your fridge and freezer as the fans in the back can draw the gas into your appliance. And, as soon as you return home remember to dump out any ice in your freezer.

Pet Food And Supplies

Grab the bin of dog food and any toys to bring with you. This will keep your buddy busy while at your in-laws house and ensure that the items that most often end up in his mouth haven't come into contact with the fumigation gases.

Children's Toys And Accessories

Since your babies are just as likely to pop their toys in their mouths as your puppy is, it's safest to bring them with you. Plus, you'll want to have access to entertainment while you're out of your house with your little one. If you'd prefer not to drag all the toys with you, you can purchase Nyoflume bags to store them in during fumigation. You'll also want to remove any crib mattress (or other vinyl covered mattresses) from your home as there is a risk of the mattress absorbing some of the chemicals and releasing them over time.

Treating your home for termites is a big step and you, like so many other homeowners, will be very glad you made the investment. If you have more questions about what to expect from home fumigation, and what to bring with you or leave behind, give us a call today.

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