

# Termite Inspections



## Is Your Home at Risk?

Termites are social insects and feed on cellulose-based material that includes wood, books, boxes, furniture and drywall. The National Pest Management Association (NPMA) estimates that termites cause \$5 billion of property damage each year.

## Every Home Has the Possibility for Termite Infestation

Conditions that attract termites include the following:

- Run-off moisture, drainage
- Condensation under the home
- Tiny cracks throughout the home in areas like concrete slabs or basement foundations, around utility pipes and veneers

Unless there are obvious signs of active infestations, you most likely won't detect termites because they feed hidden from view. Signs of termite infestation include discarded wings, wood that sounds hollow when tapped, cracked or bubbling paint and termite droppings that look like sawdust.

### The Problem

Termite colonies work nonstop 24 hours a day, and infestations can go undiscovered until serious damage is done. Termite damage can be a problem in every home and in every state or province. The type of termites concentrated in your area depends on your region.

### Termite Detection

It is important to have a termite inspection to help detect termite activity and allow for prompt and proper treatment. A qualified termite or wood-destroying organisms (WDO) inspector will inspect your home and, if termite activity is noted, will treat your home properly according to local regulations.

### How to Prevent Termites in Your Home

You can take easy steps to prevent termites from invading your home:

- Repair roof or plumbing leaks
- Eliminate wood-to-soil contact around your foundation
- Use mesh screens on windows and doors

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