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FACT SHEET

Termites

What are Termites?

Termites are mistakenly referred to as White Ants. Although they resemble ants and are a milky white colour they bear no relation to the ant family.

There are great variations in the colour, shape and size of termites depending upon the species but they are all characterised by certain similarities.

How do Termites cause damage?

Termites are insects which devour wood and most cellulose containing materials like cardboard, paper, etc. Termites may be found hiding in the walls and roofs of residences, eating through timber structures, furnishings.

How many Termites are in a colony?

Termite colonies can contain up to several million termites. The insects in each colony are divided into castes which determine their activities. Termites in the worker caste are responsible for digging tunnels and ensuring food supply. Soldiers prevent intruders from harming the colony, while reproductive termites' or alates' main job is to perpetuate the species through an annual colonizing flight. Soldier and worker termites are unable to reproduce. Termites are active 24/7 – 365 days per year.

How do I prevent Termites?

- Regularly clean your gutters
- Keep mulch, debris and firewood away from the house and don't leave timber lying around the yard
- Trim all trees, bushes and other dense vegetation that surround the exterior of your home
- Prevent moisture build up by repairing leaky taps and water lines
- Don't leave timber, cardboard or paper on the ground
- Don't place garden beds directly against the exterior of your home

What are the signs of a Termite infestation?

Signs of a termite infestation can be found inside your home, in sub floors, roof voids, gardens or around the structure of your property.

- Termite shelter tubes and tunnels
- Blow holes in trees and tree nests
- Sagging floors or hollow wood
- Earthen packing on the surface of foundation walls or joints in your property structure
- Termite frass (tiny pellets) that can be found at termite entry points

What do I do if I find Termites or Termite damage?

If you have found termites or signs of termite activity, we recommend you take the following steps:

1. Don't touch/disturb the termites or the area and warn others to do the same.
2. Cover the area to keep out light.
3. Do not attempt to kill the termites with generic pest sprays.
4. Call Flick the termite specialists on 13 14 40.

Termite Identification



A. Termite



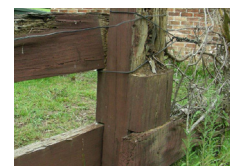
B. Termite Worker



C. Termite damaged wall



D. Termite damaged structure



D. Termite damaged fence



D. 'Mud tunnels' Termite stalacites

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