

6 SIGNS YOUR HOME HAS TERMITES IN HOUSTON



Several types of home damage can be easily spotted – broken heating system, plumbing problems, electrical issues, flooding, etc. On the other hand, some damage isn't as easily detectable – poor insulation or mold. It can take years and thousands of dollars before you can discover the source of these issues, especially if you don't know the warning signs.

And, it's not just plumbing or electrical issues you need to concern yourself with. There are also rodent and insect infestations that can cause unseen damage to your home. For instance, termite infestations can be quite devastating to the foundation, resulting in tens of thousands of dollars in damage.

Every year, homeowners spend a total of about \$5 billion in repairing the damage and ridding their homes of termites. However, you can combat the problem of termites before they can make a home out of your home if you know the six termite-favorable signs to look for. Do you notice any of the following occurring in or around your home?

Wood-to-Soil Contact



Is your home's foundation made of wood? Do you see any dirt, soil or mulch directly touching the wooden part of your home? Wherever there is dirt touching the wood of a home, termites can access and make a home. This allows them a chance to eat your walls, baseboards, floors and attic, leaving you thousands of dollars in repairs to make.

Whether or not you have a cement foundation, termites could still be a problem. That's because the moisture will cause cracks to develop in the foundation that termites can use to enter your home. Termites have the uncanny ability to crawl into any space the width of a credit card. If a termite colony is determined to make its way into your home, no space will be small to keep them out. Termites are constantly looking for food all year long.

Excessive Moisture



Cracks In The Foundation

Moisture causes all kinds of problems in homes – long-term structural damage, warped walls, mold, etc. However, moisture is a source of pleasure for termites. These home-destroying insects will forage in the walls, looking for other wet spots of your home such as the kitchen, bathroom or gutters. If your home's drainage is poor, pools of water can remain stagnant, and this gives termites a place to call your home theirs.

When doing any kind of construction on or near your home, you must be mindful of termites. Termites can travel nearly 100 yards searching for food. This is the length of a football field. Make sure you take precautions against a termite infestation so they don't set up a home in your home.

Remember, renovations can cause disturbances in the soil, leading to soft, damp dirt areas around the new structure. Again, termites will find any way to get into your home.

Trees and Foliage



New Additions and New Construction

As much as you love your trees shading your home on sunny days, you may want to have them looked over for termites. The closer a tree is to your home, the higher the chance of termites getting inside. Tree roots can grow 20 or more feet from the trunk base, breaking into the home's foundation and giving termites a chance to get inside.

One reason termite colonies can set up shop in a home is the lack of preventative treatments in getting them from gaining a foothold. Yes, some homes are more susceptible to termite infestations than others, but that does not mean homeowners should let their guard down. Except for Alaska, there are termites in nearly every state. This means any home can become a termite haven if precautions are not taken.



No Preventative Treatment

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