

Termite Prevention *Tips*

Subterranean termites are the most common termite in the United States. A mature colony supports 60 to 300,000 workers. Subterranean termites can enter a home through a crack or void as small as 1/32" in the slab or wall. They can also enter by means of expansion joints, behind brick veneer, earth-filled stoops, or siding in contact with the soil. Here are some tips to prevent termite infestation in your home:

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1. Eliminate earth to wood contact around the house.
2. Trim back shrubbery or tree limbs in contact with the house.
3. Provide adequate ventilation through the use of a vapor barriers and foundation vents in crawl space areas.
4. Regrade soil which slopes negatively toward the house.
5. Remove cellulose material or debris present in crawl space areas or around the perimeter of the house.
6. Remove wood piles in contact with the house.
7. Eliminate moisture conditions, such as standing water in crawl space areas.
8. Keep wooden planters, trellises and raised beds away from foundations.
9. Have a preventative treatment performed by a reputable, professional pest control company.

