



TERMITE MANAGEMENT



## HOME OWNERS GUIDE

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## TERMITE PROBLEMS IN AUSTRALIA

Termites are the cause of major financial damage to homes throughout Australia more than fire, floods and storms combined. This damage is caused by termites to decorative timber, flooring, wall frame and roofing timbers. Most of the time termites enter a building through the ground via cracks in the slab, brickwork or pipes and finding its main central nest is nearly impossible.

Subterranean termites a.k.a. "white-ants" are a highly destructive timber pest, causing major structural timber damage to buildings in Australia. CSIRO Survey indicates about 1 in 3 dwellings may have termites foraging within the property boundary (CSIRO, 2004).

General Home Insurance Policies do NOT cover remedial and repair costs of damages caused by termites to structural and timbers in a building. It is up to the homeowner to ensure the building is maintained, inspected and protected.



## SIGNS YOU MAY HAVE TERMITES WITHIN YOUR HOME



### ALATES

Termite alates are winged reproductive termites. They possess two sets of wings that are equal in length. Alates, like many insects, are naturally attracted to light. They leave the nest when conditions are appropriate for mating so they can start new colonies of their own. We generally notice alates in Australia from November – October. Finding alates in your house may indicate a nest in your home or close by.



### LIVE TERMITES

It is very rare to see termites in visible open areas. If the temperature and humidity is right, you may be lucky. However, most of the time home owners will only see live termites once they discover damaged timber in their home. Once the termites are disturbed, they will retreat to safety.



### MUD TRAILS

Termites travel in mud shelter tubes as protection from predators, sun-burn, dehydration and to maintain a high humidity environment which is essential for their survival. Visual mud trails can be seen where they are seeking food and moisture sources from a nest. This is a typical mud trail that termites have constructed.



### VISUAL DAMAGE

Termites will hollow out timber used in houses such as wall framing, flooring and roofing. Most of the time homeowners only notice damages in skirting boards, window or door frames. Termites if left unnoticed can cause structural damage that can render a building unsafe to live in. Exterminex™ early warning baiting system with annual inspections can help reduce the risk of long term damage caused by termites.

Termites occasionally leave visible clues and will usually have the following signs. If you notice these behaviours, you should have a professional pest control expert to investigate further.

Exterminex™ accredited installers are further trained especially in termite detection and control.



## TRADITIONAL TERMITE CONTROL METHODS

Traditional Methods of Treating Termite Infestations in Buildings in 2 stages.

### CHEMICAL SPRAYING, FOAMING OR DUSTING

At the initial stage of treatment, the conventional method used includes applying liquid chemical, dust or foam directly into the area of infestation. This method kills foraging termites but may NOT entirely eliminate the termite nest or colony which could be up to 50 meters from the building or under a building if it is constructed on a concrete slab. If the nest is not eliminated, chances are activity will return in other areas. Pest controllers will not warrant this initial procedure using liquid, dust and foam.

### CHEMICAL TREATED ZONES

The second stage treatment used to control termites is to install a chemical treated zone around a structure. To do this large volumes of toxic chemicals are applied around and under a building. This often involves drilling holes at close spacings externally and internally and can cause considerable unsightly damage to the building. Creating a chemical barrier is easier said than done as gaps in the barrier, slab and brickwork are almost always present. If the nest is inside the structure or under the slab and has not been eradicated, you risk forming a barrier around the termites locking them in for long term issues. Chemical barriers are limited, costly and may not offer continual protection, posing health and environmental concern.



## TERMITE BAITING SYSTEM - TOTAL COLONY ELIMINATION

**Exterminex™ baiting system** - consists of a strategic placement of non hazardous early warning bait monitoring stations in and around a building to ensure total colony elimination and protection against termites. This procedure is carried out using three main steps:

### ATTRACTIVE

Highly palatable termite bait designed to ensure interception with foraging termite patterns. On target every time.



### PROVEN

More than 90.1% of Subterranean termite species that are known to destroy homes feed actively on Exterminex™ bait matrix containing .01% Chlorfluazuron.



### PROTECTION

Designed by industry professionals. Exterminex™ comes with a complete quality management system to protect Australian homes.



**Treatment To Active Termites** - Exterminex™ Above-Ground (AG) bait stations and its Non Hazardous Bait is installed over existing termite infestation points, for example on walls or timber flooring in order to intercept foraging termites, luring them into the AG bait station. The Exterminex™ highly palatable bait is unlike any other consisting of a highly refined natural bait matrix with a proven active ingredients to guarantee colony elimination.

**During Treatment And Elimination** - Scheduled inspections by a certified Exterminex™ pest control professional is conducted to monitor the Above-Ground (AG) bait stations or Exterminex™ In-Ground (IG) bait stations. The trained professional will visit the site consecutively applying more bait only until the nest is eradicated and your home is free from infestation. Your Exterminex™ certified pest control professional is highly trained to identify the signs of activity, elimination of termites and application with Exterminex™ Bait ensuring the job is done right the first time.

**On Going Management & Protection** - After successful elimination of a pest termite colony, your Exterminex™ pest control professional will continue scheduled termite inspections and monitor your building for termite activity. Exterminex™ In-Ground (IG) bait stations contain a special wooden-interceptor that are Non Hazardous and highly attractive for termites, to be installed along the perimeter of the building and will act as an early warning system against termite infestation. Should termites be intercepted within the IG station, Exterminex™ Bait will be added inside the station to eliminate the colony. The stations will be monitored and Exterminex™ Bait is replenished regularly to ensure total colony elimination is achieved. This continuous monitoring program is crucial to reduce the risk of severe damage to your property caused by termites.

## EXTERMINEX™ BAITING SYSTEM VS CHEMICALS

	EXTERMINEX™ SYSTEM	OTHER BAITING SYSTEMS	FOAM & DUST	CHEMICAL ZONE
IDENTIFY MULTI COLONIES VIA DNA PROFILING TEST	✓	✗	✗	✗
99.9% OF THE BAIT CONTENTS ARE NATURAL INGREDIENTS	✓	✗	✗	✗
TERMITE MONITORING STATION WITH TWO TYPE OF TIMBERS	✓	✗	✗	✗
DRILLING TO INTERNAL SLAB NOT REQUIRED	✓	✓	✗	✗
MINIMAL DISTURBANCE TO PROPERTY	✓	✓	✗	✗
NATURAL & HIGHLY PALATABLE CELLULOSE BAIT MATRIX	✓	✗	✗	✗
SHOWS DISTINCTIVE VISUAL SIGNS OF COLONY ELIMINATION	✓	L	✗	✗
USES BAIT TO TRACK TERMITE WHEREABOUTS & ENTRY POINTS	✓	✗	✗	✗
CAN BE REMOVED AFTER INITIAL SUCCESSFUL TREATMENT	✓	✓	✗	✗
HELPS AVOID LOCKING TERMITES INSIDE STRUCTURE	✓	✓	✗	✗

\*L = Limited



## EXTERMINEX™ - A WORRY FREE SYSTEM

### TILL DEATH DO US PART

Leaving no stones unturned, the specially formulated bait will naturally manipulate the feeding behaviour of termites whilst introducing a proven active constituent, collapsing the entire colony and eventually the queen.

### LOW TOXICITY

Eco friendly, safe to be used. Safe to humans and pets! Don't expose yourself to harmful pesticides.

### 100% COLONY ELIMINATION

Exterminex™ is one of the most palatable and consistent termite baits in the market due to our unique formulation. Our accredited installers are further trained to ensure the bait is applied correctly, every time.

### CERTIFIED PROFESSIONALS

We take training very seriously! Exterminex™ provides ongoing training, workshops and mentoring to keep our pest professionals' team abreast to new skills and knowledge.



PROVEN. SAFE. GREEN. TRUSTED.



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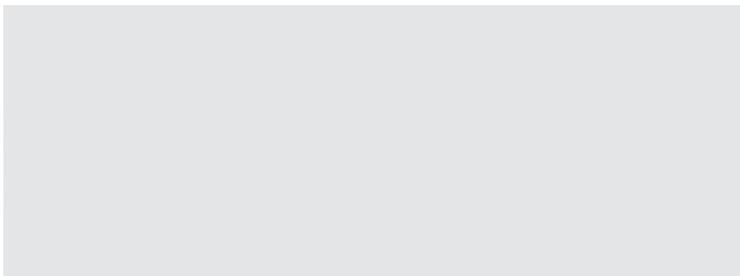
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