

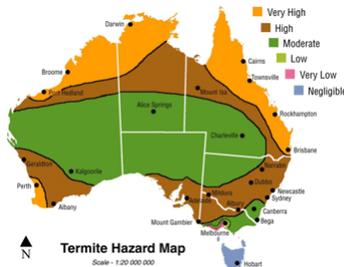
TERMITE

Fact Sheet



Things You Need To Know To Stop These Ferocious Invaders Before They Turn Your Home To Dust

- Termites are ground-dwelling, social insects that live in colonies with as many as 7 million pests. They are voracious eaters and travel as far as 100 meters from their colony to feast on your home.



- Termites are increasing in every state of Australia except Tasmania and are concentrated in coastal areas.

- Termite damage is not covered by many household insurance policies.

- Australia is home to the most destructive termites in the world. Termites can completely reduce an average-sized home to a pile of rubble in less than 2 years.



- Termites 'eat' 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. And they can live for 15 years.

- Termites need moisture and constant temperature to survive. That's why they live underground and often build mud trails for travel.

- Termites feed on wood (cellulose). In their natural habitat they provide a valuable recycling service helping to decompose dead trees. But they often make their way into Australian homes where they thrive in the damp, warm environment.

- Each year termites 'attack' more than 150,000 Australian homes / buildings causing over \$780 million dollars in damage – more than damage caused by fire and storms combined.

- While chemical treatments were effective in dealing with termites 50 years ago (because the chemicals used were highly toxic and had a life of many years), for human safety modern chemicals are less potent, have a shorter life and need to be reapplied regularly.



- Although chemical-free barrier systems may seem appealing, termites only have to find a small 'gap' in the barrier to gain easy access to your home where they will do damage immediately.

- Truly effective control and management of termites requires an in-depth understanding of the termite's behaviour and social structure and uses these behaviours against the termites.

- King and Queen termites are central to any vibrant termite colony, with the Queen laying as many as 2,000 eggs a day.

- Soldier termites protect the colony against invasion by other insects. Soldier termites are fed by the worker termites as they are unable to feed themselves.



- Workers search for and collect food, feed and groom other termites, and build and maintain the colony. They constantly search for new food sources. This makes traditional methods of termite management (like ground chemicals and physical barriers) ineffective as termites will eventually find areas of weakness where chemicals have broken down or barriers have gaps.



- Alates are winged reproductive termites. They fly from the nest in their thousands eager to establish a new colony. If you spot alates you should act immediately as you can be sure they are looking for a food source like your home.



- The mutual feeding, constant grooming and close social habits of termites are used to advantage in M & M Pest & Termite Control baiting systems. Chemicals used in the baits have a delayed lethal effect on termites giving them time to pass on the bait to other termites in the central colony nest during grooming and feeding.

- The size of the colony influences the amount of bait required and the time it takes to eliminate the colony. An average termite colony can usually be eliminated within 6 months.

- M & M Pest & Termite Control guarantees to eradicate all termites from your home. Once elimination has occurred you will then be eligible for a \$100,000 Timber Replacement Warranty, giving you the ultimate peace of mind and security from any future attack for as long as you continue with Termite Monitoring (additional charge for timber insurance).



- M & M Pest & Termite Control guarantees to give you the lowest price for a professional termite treatment.



- M & M Pest & Termite Control is a member of the Australian Environmental Pest Managers Association. All termite pest treatments are people, pet and environmentally friendly.



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