

Termite Maintenance Tips

There are many things *you* can do to help prevent termites from getting into your home:

- ◆ **Repair any water leaks and moisture problems.** Water damaged walls, leaks in roofs, attics, bathrooms and sink areas create favorable conditions for termites to flourish.
- ◆ **Clean gutters and downspouts.** Keep gutters free flowing to avoid clogs which may eventually lead to water damage.
- ◆ **Drain water away from exterior walls and foundation.** Make sure drain spouts and air conditioner drainage lines flow away from the home. Use splash blocks to prevent soil erosion around the foundation.
- ◆ **Keep shrubs, trees and wood mulch away from the foundation.** Shrubs, trees and mulch provide shelter and moisture, which attract termites. Prune trees and shrubs away from exterior walls and make sure mulch is no closer than six inches from the foundation.
- ◆ **Monitor irrigation systems.** Ensure sprinklers are adjusted properly to spray away from the foundation, walls, etc.
- ◆ **Keep stucco and wood or vinyl siding above the finished soil level.** Make sure there is at least a six-inch clearance, otherwise termites have easy access into your home.

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