

# Termite Warning Signs

How do you even know if you have a termite problem? There are warning signs *you* can spot yourself, including:

- ◆ **Termite Swarmers And/Or Discarded Wings.** Probably the only time you will actually see live termites is when they "swarm". Subterranean termites usually swarm in the early spring while drywood termites typically swarm in the summer months. If a large number of swarmers (winged termites) or their discarded wings are found inside a home, it's a sure sign of a termite infestation.
- ◆ **Mud Tubes And/Or Tunnels.** Because they prefer dark, moist conditions, foraging termites construct mud tubes as protective runways from the earth to the wood inside a home. Look for mud tubes along the foundation of your home, around doors and windows and on wood posts.
- ◆ **Small Holes In Wood Or Drywall Or Blistered Paint.** When termites swarm within your home, they often create small exit holes. Because termites eat wood products from the inside out, they usually hollow the wood along the grain. This can cause ripples in the exterior of the wood itself, or cause the paint to blister.
- ◆ **Structural Damage.** This could include soft spots in walls, sagging floors, loose trim and cracked plaster. Also, check for "hollow" sounding wall studs.

**If you see any of the above warning signs, be sure to call Massey Services at 1-888-2MASSEY (262-7739). We'll have a certified termite inspector at your home, at your convenience to do a complete, free termite inspection.**