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Drywood Termites Attack Orange County

Many in Orange County are calling for help because they are finding hundreds or even thousands of drywood termites swarming around their homes and businesses.

Drywood termites swarm during the months of September and October. This is their mating season and scientists believe that swarming is triggered by bright sunlight and temperatures over 80 degrees Fahrenheit.

It is quite common to see swarms of these pests flying in and around homes during this time of year because they are looking for new locations to start their colonies. The good news is that drywood termites are extremely poor fliers and most of them will start settling down after they fly for just a few feet. A majority of them will fall prey to birds, reptiles or other insects. A lot of the others will die of dehydration or injury.

After the swarmers land, they shed their wings and start the mating process. Then, they start looking for a piece of wood to enter. Cracks, knot holes or joints between pieces of wood are the easiest access points. The king and queen will remain in their small nest and build up the colony. Drywood termite colonies are usually small but when you combine multiple colonies in a single piece of wood, you may have over 10,000 members. When you have that many termites eating 24 hours a day for 365 days a year, you're going to start seeing a substantial amount of damage.

Locating the nests of drywood termites can be quite

difficult. For example, many people will see a large collection of wings and termites located around doors and windows when they swarm. Many will assume that the termite nests are located in these areas when they see all the evidence, but this is often not the case. Drywood termites are attracted to light and it is very normal for them to fly from another area of the room toward a door or window where there is bright light. They are trying to escape! What usually happens is that the termites will run into a piece of glass or a window screen. This is why you'll often find a lot of wings and termites in these areas.

Bright electric lights can also trigger termite swarms at night. Just because you see termites and wings around a light does not mean the nests are located in that area. They are most likely coming from another part of the room.

If you see evidence of drywood termites, the first thing you need to do is to order a thorough inspection of your structure.

Once in a while, you'll get lucky and find termite pellets (fecal droppings) and/or corresponding termite damage. Carefully inspect those areas and you may find the nests.

Quite often, you'll have a situation where you know you have termites but you can't find the exact location of the nests. In those cases, your best solution is to have the entire structure fumigated with Vikane gas. Heat treatments may also be an effective choice. With heat

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75 Years Ago . . .

On September 4, 1940, CBS made the first color TV broadcast in the US, from its experimental station in New York City. In March of 1954, the first color TV sold in the US was made by Westinghouse. The 15" unit had a price tag of \$1,295.00!

Celebrating Arnold Palmer's Birthday!

"The road to success is always under construction."

Arnold Palmer, born September 10, 1929

Rave Reviews!

“Terry just left my house after a free inspection to check for termites and for a potential rodent problem in the attic. He confirmed that the buggers on our window sill are actually ants and that the attic was clear, save for a few droppings probably from the one rat that we had found a while ago. He could have easily told me otherwise and I would have believed him and paid for any service that he recommended. But, he said all was good and just gave me some pointers on how to avoid problems by managing vegetation, etc. For his honesty, I would go back to him in a heartbeat and I recommend Termite Terry to anyone.”

Liz Nguyen
San Clemente

“This email is to commend you for having Thanh on your staff. When Mr. Thanh came over to termite treat and make repairs to termite damages on my house, I found him to be more than a knowledgeable technician, but also a very considerate, polite and patient representative of your company. He always took utmost care walking around the grounds so as not to damage plants, stain the floor, or disturb the property. He was patient and considerate in view of the fact that he had to wait for us to rearrange the contents (stuff) stored in the garage so he could have safe access to work areas. He very efficiently accommodated his work around schedule to first allow work where the property was assessable. He was also most polite about waiting for me to coordinate accepted paint color from the Home Owners Association painter. I can not praise Mr. Thanh enough and thank Termite Terry Pest Control, Inc. for your usual excellent service.”

Laverne Boyd (81 year old client for many years)
Fullerton

treatments, the entire structure can be heated up to a lethal temperature of 130 degrees or you may only need to have a portion of the structure heat treated.

Some termite inspectors will recommend you have your home “spot treated” instead of doing a fumigation or heat treatment. If you can locate the nests and you have full access for treatment, spot treatments will work very well. Spot treatments will not work if you can't find the nests or if the infestations lead into areas which are not fully accessible for treatment.

Over the years, we have seen many home and business owners pay for spot treatments, only to find out a short time later that they still have a termite problem. This is really unfortunate because they often have to pay someone to come back and do their job over again, the correct way.

Fumigations and heat treatments were invented because so many people had termite problems that could not be solved with a localized treatment. Back in the old days, many people had to open up ceilings, walls and literally take their roofs off to try and locate all the nests. **That was really messy, time consuming and very expensive.**

If done properly, fumigations and heat treatments will do little if any damage to your home and property. You'll also be happy to learn that fumigations are often much less expensive (especially in the long run) and when done properly, they will completely eradicate all drywood termites within your structure.

Do you have a problem with drywood termites? At “Termite” Terry Pest Control;

“We'll Get Rid Of All Your Termites Or Your Treatment Is FREEEEEE!

We challenge you to ask any other termite company if they will match our guarantee. And, we already know their answer. They will tell you that there is no way they or anyone else could possibly offer a guarantee like that.

How can we offer a money-back guarantee when no one else will dare to do so? The answer is simple! All you have to do is MEASURE up the structure carefully, install and seal up GOOD fumigation tarps and put in a FULL TANK of gas. Here's a fact;

If you don't measure a home correctly, you use worn out tarps with lots of rips and tears and you only put in a little bit of gas – YOU CAN'T OFFER A MONEY BACK GUARANTEE BECAUSE THE FUMIGATION WILL NOT BE EFFECTIVE!

Do you have a termite problem and want to have the peace of mind knowing your fumigation will be done the right way? Call us at **(949) 631-7348** and we'll be happy to schedule an inspection at your convenience.

Using Goats To Prevent Wildfires

California is experiencing a record breaking draught and our wildlands are exceptionally dry this year. The situation is serious – some would say incendiary.

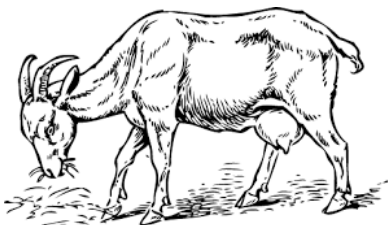
To help protect us from wildfires, our officials tell us we need to clear brush at least 100 feet away from our homes. Many landowners hire men with weed whackers and heavy equipment to clear these areas. This can be a very noisy and expensive job.

Have brush that needs to be cleared away? You may want to consider using goats to do the job, instead. Here are some of the benefits:

- Goats are versatile. They can be used effectively in almost any location or type of terrain. These goats work really well on rocky and steep terrain that is too steep for human or machine clearing.

- Land cleared by goats is more fire resistant and when their work is done, the land will resemble a freshly-mowed fairway.
- Goats can be a more environmentally friendly method for clearing brush in areas where endangered animals or sensitive plants live.
- They love eating thorny plants and poison ivy.
- The goats don't over-strip lands when they clear the brush and this can greatly reduce soil erosion.
- Goats work quietly while they graze. Noisy weed whackers and machinery are not needed.
- Goats naturally fertilize the soil as the work and their pellets are small and have little or no odor.
- There are no hauling or dump fees because the goats consume the vegetation and recycle it.
- The goats work fast and can clear about one acre per day.
- Renting goats can save you up to 50% over hiring men and machinery.
- The goats are entertaining and fun to watch.

Deputy Chief Tim Smith, of Heartland Fire and Rescue, said, "It's really been a win-win for us. It's cost effective, it's environmentally friendly and it's fun."



Campgrounds in Yosemite Park Closed After Plaque Case

A child fell ill with the plague at Yosemite National Park. Several dead squirrels infected by the plague were found in the area and park officials were forced to close the campgrounds. The child was hospitalized but is now recovering after treatment.

As a precautionary public health measure, park officials will apply an insecticide in the burrows where these rodents live. The campgrounds will remain closed for about five days during this treatment process.

Plague is carried by rodents and is spread by fleas. Transmission between people is rare. The symptoms of plague can include fever, chills, weakness, abdominal pain, and sometimes shortness of breath and swollen lymph nodes. It can be treated and cured when antibiotics are given soon after an infection. The disease can turn deadly if treatment is delayed.

Here are some steps you can take to help protect yourself against flea-transmitted diseases:

- Don't feed squirrels, chipmunks or other rodents. Always avoid contact with any rodent, especially sick or dead ones.
- Avoid hiking or camping near rodent burrows.
- Wear long pants and tuck them into your socks or boots.
- Spray a repellent with DEET on socks and pant cuffs.
- Keep wild rodents away from homes, trailers and buildings. You also want to keep your pets away from these rodents.

September 11th Hero Remembered

On September 11th, 2001, Tom Burnett was on United Airlines Flight 93. He was the COO and vice president of Thoratec Corp., a medical devices company.

After the airplane was hijacked, he called his wife and that is when he learned about the attacks on the World Trade Center. He made a total of four calls to her that day.

During the first call, he told her about the situation on the plane and asked her to call the authorities. On his second call, he told her that he believed the hijackers were going to fly the plane into the ground. On his next call, Mrs. Burnett quotes him as saying, "I could tell they were formulating a plan."

On the fourth and final call, he reportedly said, "I know we're going to die. There's three of us who are going to do something about it."

Tom Burnett could have accepted his fate, but decided to act. Tom got a small group of passengers together so they could fight back. Their plan was to regain control of the plane, however, they all ultimately perished when the plane crashed in a rural Pennsylvania field.

No one knows the intended target of Flight 93. Many believe the hijackers were targeting either the White House or the US Capitol building.

Can you imagine what would have happened if they hadn't fought back against the hijackers? Can you visualize what it would have looked like to see the White House or the US Capitol building burning and crashing down? Can you imagine how many thousands of lives were saved that day because of their efforts?

The actions of Tom Burnett and the others took immense bravery and in the end, they lost their lives.

On this September 11th, let's all take a moment and remember to thank Tom Burnett and the other heroes on American Airlines Flight 93.

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Woman Bitten By A Rattlesnake In Her Own Bathroom

There are a lot of different types of animals that live in the canyons of Anaheim Hills. These canyons are also home to Southern Pacific and Red Diamondback Rattlesnakes. It's not uncommon for residents to see these snakes on their driveways and sidewalks. But, you don't often you hear of them getting inside of these homes.

Recently, a rattlesnake managed to make its way into the home of a 66 year old woman. The snake entered the bathroom and coiled up under the sink. When the woman entered the bathroom, the snake dropped to the floor and it started slithering across the floor, in plain sight. The snake then made its move and bit the woman's foot.

By the time Animal Control officers arrived at the scene, the woman had already been taken to the hospital.

"The son had closed the bathroom door and stuffed a towel underneath the door so it couldn't exit," said Katie Ingram of Orange County Animal Care.

The snake was captured by an animal control officer and it was later released in an area, miles away.

Snakes become more active during our hot weather and are looking for food. Animal control officers suggest that residents of the canyons trim back shrubbery and seal openings and cracks in homes. Large piles of plants and other materials should also be removed.

Peter Sang has lived in this neighborhood for nearly 20 years. He said that many of his neighbors, including the woman who was bitten by the snake, often leave their garage doors open during the day. Keeping these doors closed and making sure they are properly sealed is a "no brainer".



"Termite" Terry Singleton