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Drywood Termites Are Swarming In Orange County

There are many owners in Orange County who are calling for help because they are seeing thousands of termites swarming around their homes and businesses.

Drywood termite swarming typically occurs during the months of September and October. This is when they have their mating season. Their swarming is triggered by bright sunlight, and temperatures of over 80 degrees Fahrenheit.

These termites are poor fliers and they usually don't travel very far unless there is a strong breeze to help carry them further. Once they 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 places to start a colony. The king and queen will remain in their small nest as they build up their family.

Drywood termite colonies are small and usually consist of up to 2,500 members. It is common to find multiple colonies in a single piece of wood, so when you combine the numbers, it is easy to understand why you may find over 10,000 termites living in just one piece of lumber. When you have that many termites eating 24 hours a day and 365 days a year, you are going to start seeing a substantial amount of damage.

The biggest challenge we face is that it can be next to impossible to locate every termite colony. For example, you may carefully inspect a piece of wood and find absolutely no signs of infestation, only to come back a

month later and see termites launching out of that same member. Don't you wish we all had Xray vision?

Another common occurrence is for homeowners to find piles of termite wings around their doors and windows during the swarming season. Many people will assume the termites are living in these areas, but that is often not the case. This is because drywood termites are attracted to light and they could easily be flying from another portion of your home towards the bright light. In a case like this, one may never find the origin of the termites. This is especially true if the wood members are hidden from view.

Evidence of termite pellets (fecal droppings) is one of the easiest ways to locate a nest. By carefully inspecting the area, one can usually find where the pellets are coming from, and then decide which eradication method will be most effective.

If you see a swarm of termites at your home, does it mean you have a problem?

You'll find drywood termites flying around everywhere during this time of year. You may see them on the outside of your home, or even floating in your swimming pool. You may even have them fly into your home through open doors and windows. Just because you see them in these locations, it does not necessarily mean that your home has an infestation.

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100 Years Ago . . .

On September 28, 1924, the first successful flight around the world was completed by a team of aviators for the U.S. Army Air Service. It took them 175 days to go around the world!

Remembering A Great Comedian

"Never be afraid to laugh at yourself, after all, you could be missing out on the joke of the century."

Joan Rivers. died September 4, 2014

Rave Reviews!

"We have been customers of Termite Terry for over 10 years and have been delighted in the service they have provided. They have tented our house and former home for termites, and we use them on a regular basis to keep ants from invading the house. When we had a rodent issue, they came through with an economical way to help control them.

Terry is a professional in every sense of the word. His staff are always professional and polite. We would not use any other pest control company."

Wiley Ehrke
Dana Point

"Five Star Review: Alex Sanchez is great! He's very nice, knowledgeable and he's respectful of my home. He doesn't try to upsell me and his recommendations are helpful. He's trustworthy and professional."

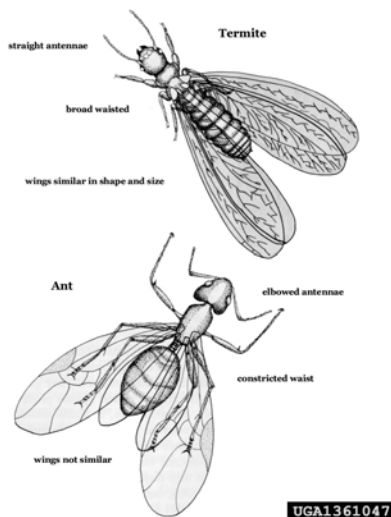
Lisa Lauducci
Newport Beach

"Thank you Terry for your stellar pest control service!!! We recently switched from our old pest control company and could not be more pleased. Upon initial treatment, Termite Terry went above and beyond to be sure our needs were met. We have spider and roach issues, and since Termite Terry has been servicing our home, these are no longer an issue. Technicians alert us to their schedule and then show up on time, and do a great job clearing cobwebs and treating our home for any pests! I highly recommend Termite Terry for your pest control needs – you won't be disappointed!

Leah Tamblyn
Costa Mesa

What to do when termites attack your home

If you see evidence of drywood termites, the first thing you should do is to order a thorough inspection of the structure. All the areas of infestation should be carefully noted.



If the area of infestation can be located and it is fully accessible, a localized/spot treatment of the area may be all you need to have done. Localized treatments are performed by drilling small holes in the infested wood members, and injecting a termiticide into the termite galleries.

If the infestation extends into areas that cannot be seen or accessed, an all-encompassing type of treatment, such as fumigation, will probably be needed.

Spot treatments vs. fumigations

Spot treatments versus fumigations for the elimination of drywood termites is an age-old argument. There are some termite companies that claim they can solve all termite problems by performing local/spot treatments. Some other companies only offer fumigations. At Termite Terry Pest Control, we would prefer to give you the facts and let you decide what is best for you.

When you are trying to decide which treatment is best for your

situation, here are several key facts you should consider:

- Is the infestation visible and accessible for treatment? If you can see where the infestation is located and it is fully accessible for treatment, a localized treatment may be all you need.
- If the infestation extends into inaccessible areas and you can't see all of the areas that need to be treated, you'll have to open up the areas and make them accessible for treatment. Or, you can fumigate the home to completely eliminate the termites, without having to tear your home apart and do any further damage.

Do you have a termite problem and need help? **Call us at (949) 631-7348** and we'll be happy to schedule an appointment at your convenience.

Study: Consumer-Grade Insecticides Fail To Control German Roaches

A new study shows that a common variety of consumer-grade insecticide sprays have "little to no value" in eliminating German cockroach infestations.

The study was published in the August edition of the Journal of Economic Entomology.

Residual insecticide sprays are designed to be applied to surfaces where roaches are likely to appear, so they will be killed when they contact with them. The study, conducted by researchers at the University of Kentucky and Auburn University, shows that the residues of these products have little effect on the roaches. German roaches are a primary species that infest homes and buildings around the world.

During their tests, they used consumer-grade liquid and aerosol

sprays that are made with pyrethroid insecticides. Here are some of the results:

- Less than 20% of German roaches died after being exposed to these products for 30 minutes.
- When they confined the roaches to these sprayed surfaces, it took most products 8 to 24 hours to kill the roaches. Other products took up to five days to achieve results.

They also tested these products by applying them to a variety of surfaces, such as on painted drywall, ceramic tile, and stainless steel. Testing showed that these products performed significantly worse when applied on drywall. This suggests that porous surfaces may have a significant impact on product efficacy.



German Roach
(*Blattella germanica*)

Another factor likely to contribute to the poor performance of residual spray products is that roaches are unlikely to come to rest for extended periods on surfaces treated with insecticides. This is because roaches are usually on the move, and they may be repelled by these insecticides.

The researchers recommend that if consumers want to do their own roach control, their best options would be to use gel or liquid baits. These baits work by attracting the roaches to a food source that is laden with a slow-acting insecticide.

Have a roach problem that you don't want to handle yourself? **Call us at (949) 631-7348** and we will be happy to set up an appointment at your convenience.

President's Economic Stimulus

The tensions in the Middle East are high and everyone is waiting to see if the war will escalate. Meanwhile, the price of US crude oil is up almost 7% this year. President Termite Terry "feels your pain" and wants to help by giving you a FREE tank of gas.

Here are just a few more of your fellow citizens who have benefited from his Economic Stimulus Plan:

- Jack & Evelyn Quail of Anaheim referred us to Bill Garner of Anaheim.
- Kevin Harold of Redondo Beach recommended our service to Ralph Ford of Redondo Beach.
- Brendan Keegan of Costa Mesa referred us to Cheryl Keegan of Costa Mesa.
- Gary & Barbara Hayes of Coto de Caza recommended our services to Gary Wynn of Coto de Caza.
- Eric Brewer of Huntington Beach referred us to Victor Habib of Huntington Beach.

The President's plan is easy and with your help, we can **double the number of people who get FREE GAS each month**. All you have to do is simply refer us to someone who needs a termite treatment, wood repairs, or a monthly pest control service. And, if they hire us, we'll send you a **\$50.00 Gas Card**. That is real economic stimulation you can bank on!

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National Mushroom Month!

September is National Mushroom Month, so let's have some fun with one of our favorite foods:

- *Agaricus bisporus* are the most common edible mushrooms in North America and Europe. In their youngest forms, they are known as "button mushrooms". When they are fully matured, they are called "portobello" mushrooms. Semi-mature mushrooms are known as "Cremini" or "Baby-bella".
- Did you know that ten small mushrooms have more potassium than a banana?
- China produces about 40 million tons of mushrooms and truffles per year. Japan is second with 472,000 tons, and the US is third with 370,000 tons.
- There is a mushroom known as "Chicken of the Woods", and it taste like fried chicken. They are found in Europe and North America, and mostly grows on oak, yew, cherry and sweet chestnut trees.
- Mushrooms are unique because they are the only type of produce that is a source of vitamin D. Some sun grown mushrooms contain more than the daily recommended allowance of vitamin D.
- A 2017 Penn State study showed that mushrooms contain super-high concentrations of ergothioneine and glutathione. These antioxidants work to protect the body from physiological stress that causes visible signs of aging.
- Penn State researchers later found that people who regularly ate button mushrooms had a lower rate of depression.
- Mushrooms are incredibly low in calories, and have virtually no fat. So, with all their fiber, vitamins and minerals, why not add an extra scoop of them to your dinner tonight? 😊

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Bees Send Three To The Hospital and Killed Their Dog

A massive swarm of bees recently sent three people to the hospital, and killed their dog.

A mother’s two children and some family friends were swimming in the pool when the swarm of bees arrived in her backyard. The mother was inside the house when her oldest child yelled out, “Mommy, you need to come out here right now.” When the mother ran out, there were so many bees that she couldn’t see any blue.

While all of the kids ran to get inside the home for safety, the mother went to rescue their dog. The dog was covered with bees, so the mother picked up the dog and jumped into the pool.

After being stung about 50 times, the mother was taken to the hospital, along with two of her friend’s teenage daughters.

Later, the mother’s father came home, and he immediately took the dog to an animal urgent care. Sadly, the dog did not survive the attack.

Ladies and gentlemen, if you are ever attacked by a swarm of bees, run as fast as you can and find a safe place to shelter. Don’t waste time swatting at the bees because that will only anger them. It is also a good idea to try and cover your face with a towel, blanket, or by pulling your shirt up over your head. I know the mother in this story jumped into a pool, but experts don’t recommend that because the bees will often wait for you to come up for air.

Stay safe this summer, and keep a close watch on your surroundings. If you suspect a bee problem, get away from there as fast as you can, and call for help.



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