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Termite

Even the mention of a termite can send terror into the heart of a homeowner. Many people know that a termite can cause huge damage to a home and when you take one termite and add it to another termite and then another and another and another, you might find yourself with a home that is not only unsound but extremely difficult to sell and live in. Many people know about the termite, but not many people know specifics about this pesky insect.

A termite – also known as a white ant – is a member of a group of social insects much like regular ants. They most often feed on dead plant material including wood, leaf litter, and soil. The termite can cause huge damage to structures such as houses, building, crops, and forests.

The termite superficially resembles an ant and is called a white ant only because of their social behaviors and similar size. However, the regular termite is softer, whiter, shorter-legged, fatter and generally much slower moving. In actuality, a termite is much more similar to the common cockroach. Some experts feel like the termite belongs in its own classification of insects instead of being clumped together with ants in the Hymemoptra class or a super order which contains all of them called the Dictyoptera class.

The common termite has a biting mouthpart and their soft bodies are rarely longer than one centimeter in length. As a colony, they typically inhabit dark nests and tunnels, only venturing out when the winged alates emerge to leave their parent colony, when constructing shelter or, in the case of grass- and leaf-litter-feeders, when harvesting their food. The alate is basically a baby termite growing into a full blown termite and getting ready to venture out into the world to find their own food source to decimate!

As with ants, the termite resides in a colony along with other termites. That is why they are referred to as social insects. Termite colonies can number anywhere from hundreds to even millions of inhabitants. They work together to survive and use self-organized swarm intelligence to obtain food sources and sustain the colony. Just as with ants, there is a certain hierarchy within the colony. It is usually “ruled” by a queen and there are workers, soldiers, nymphs, and reproductive termites responsible for re-populating the colony.

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While a termite is a dreaded insect for most people, they are easily recognized and easily controlled when you know that you have a problem. If you take the time to know about the common termite, see the signs that you may have a termite problem, and then take steps to alleviate the problem, you will have much luck in repairing the damage that these invading insects can do.

What Are Termites

In the basic definition, termites are small, burrowing insects that eat wood – especially damp wood – and resemble small white ants. But there's so much more than that! In actuality, termites are social creatures – just like we are – that live with a specific social order to take care of the colony that they live in.

That's right – there are actually levels of termite hierarchy, just like in human life. Because they are social insects, this type of setup works best for them because they don't possess the same skills that we humans do in order to get things done. But, get things done, they certainly do!

There are basically five levels of termites: the worker, the soldier, the reproductive, the king, and the queen. Each distinctive level has its own duties when it comes to the colony. Termites have long been referred to as "little white ants", and there are a few – very few – similarities between the two species.

Ants also live in colonies with each level performing specific functions within the community. They all work together to make sure that they all live in relative peace having food and protection. Not so unlike humans, right? But termites as well as ants can be damaging to our structures which is why we don't want them around.

That's why we need to better understand how the colonies work. When we understand this part of their living environment, we can better combat them. We are, of course, talking about termites – which is what this book is about.

How To Detect Termites

Besides the obvious presence of small ant-like insects or flying swarmers, you can look around your home to try and find out if termites have taken up residence with you in your home or building.

Basically, termites are discovered by property owners in one of three ways. First, when a colony swarms in the first warm part of early spring, winged adults can be seen on the inside or outside of a building moving toward the light, a window, or other lit opening.

Second, as we have already said, termites build mud tubes to travel between the ground and a structure. These mud tubes can often be found on the outside of a slab between the earth and brick line, or on piers which form the foundation of a building.

Finally, because termites like to eat the paper surface of sheetrock, pin holes are left behind when sheetrock has been damaged. There also will be some tubes in the wood indicating that termites have been eating through the wood and making their way from one side of the area to the other.

You will probably rarely see any actual termites because they tend to avoid light and open air spaces. The tunnels give them the ability to go virtually undetected while reaching their food source, wood. Therefore, destruction can be "undetected" as well.

If there is any area of your home where water has accumulated, chances are good that termites are going to be in that area. We'll talk about prevention later on, but just about the only way you can tell on your own if you have termites is to look for tell-tale signs that they may be around.

While we have already described the damage, you might be better served with some visuals to help you identify termite damage.

Termite Identification

There are many things that make our homes unsafe. One of them is infestation of pests. Termites may be dwelling in the recesses of your homes without you knowing it. This article will help you with identifying them.

White ants are termites. This is the easiest and the most indication of any infestation. They are not kindred only appear at some point a bit similar. There are other means on how to verify that there are indeed termites within the structures of the building. This is a great way to keep them out or cleanse the structure. They can be treated with pesticides and other means. All that needs to be done is become aware of their survival inside the house.

Like ants they are socially structures insects. They live in colonies with a specific and unique apportioning of task. They have different classes with in the colony itself. As for how they differ from one another, their physical structure indicates which task is delegated to be performed by each one of a thousand termites. With duties to fulfill it keep the colony's survival nature created a system for these small creatures 5 different types.

The soldier termite has huge heads with fangs. They survey and assess the safety of the colony. Termites that do the actual havoc on the building's wood structures are called worker termites. They also do all the "housekeeping" inside the colony acting as nannies, and tunnel maintenance. Then there is the queen and king termite that dominate in size. The queen termite, however, is bigger than her counterpart. They keep the colony populated and somehow orderly. Yet, they are not the only ones responsible for reproduction, the winged termites also generate spawn for the colony to stay alive and keep on surviving. Obviously, they can be easily identified by their wings. As for size, they comparatively come in medium range from the queen and king termites.

These are the many different termites that compose a colony in order for its continued existence. Their organization is flawless and devised to bring desolation to any home. Bumping into a termite is not as easy as just looking at the walls. They engineer tunnels on the inner recesses of foundation structures made of wood and can be hidden from sight for years.

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They pose a great danger to the base of any building. They feast on wood surface this will eventually weaken the edifice as an effect will cause collapse of the building. This is why it is imperative to detect the existence of any termite in the house. But more importantly keeping it termite free in the first place is the best remedy. So, keep tabs on any area in the home that is conducive for termite infestation. Lastly, make doubly certain that there are no termites in the interiors of the house itself.

Termite Illustrations

Whenever you are suspicious on having a termite infestation, owning termite illustrations available for point of reference may be a really useful tool around. You shall obtain one in several posts including your topical library. Merely seize articles about termites then view the drawn out illustrations that are rendered. Almost every library possesses copy machines which permits you to produce transcripts for a modest fee.

Furthermore and believably practically more easily obtained are the examples of termite illustrations which you can discover on cyberspace. I arranged a Google lookup. Surprisingly, I was able to chance upon unparalleled enumerates of internet site featuring termite examples. They display close-grained details of these termites and what all unique termites appear like.

You will come across, inside a colony of termites, there are 5 assorted classifications and for each one of them bears unique visual aspect of termites. Worker termites looks like ants simply are white rather than black. Less than a centimeter long having soft bodies. Soldier termites appear similar with the workers but have bigger heads with pincers which stretch out. Protecting the colony is the soldier white ants are accountable for.

Winged procreative termites are yet bigger compared to soldier termite. Their bigger, elongated body and wings are elements that distinguish them apart. Winged white ants are better-known to swarm on certain time periods of the year. They obligations are producing and egg laying which shall nurture the colony and fill again its population. The king and queen white ants are the biggest size in the colony with similarities in appearance. The king is a bit smaller as likened to the queen, has a duskier color and lengthened physical structure. The queen constitutes the biggest frame of all termites with a very large, lengthened physical structure which is milky in coloration. Both them make certain the colony is doing work swimmingly along side reproductive duties.

Once artists render termite example drawings, they attempt and include every bit as many details in their sketch as achievable in order that the regular individual will be capable of distinguishing not just the white ants as a whole, but the various termites inside the colony too. Being capable to key out unique features of the different members of a white ant colony may facilitate you understand how remote your crisis has incurred. When you compare your pests to

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the white ant illustrations you have compiled, telling the eradicator how severe the problem is, they can then devise a plan to eliminate the infestation.

Search for illustrations of termite where you can then keep them available for effortless consultation. It's a proficient idea whenever you possess some structures or plow land crops since termites could wreak desolation prior to you even recognize it.

Termite Appearance And Morphology

Awareness of termite, a.k.a. white ant, visual aspect and morphology is intrinsic in identifying these blighters in their ultimate colony eradication. Just about every person imagines termites as in the form of little white ants. Yet in reality, their morphology and appearance is much further than illustrating them in that manner. As a matter of fact, the usual termite alone on the surface looks like actual ant. In general, the usual impression of any ordinary person is that all termites are white ants due to their similarities in physical measurement and natural habitat.

Compared to ants, these pests survive in identically specified structure colonies. Every bit of termite features a special occupation to perform in order to realize the colony function. Termites known as "Worker" fetch food repeatedly into their colony. These types of termites brawl the most havoc to structural shelters not to mention crops. Termites "Soldier" guard the colony away from aggressors. They possess very strong jawbones and can induce harm to anyone attempting to demolish the colony. Termites that have wings and lay eggs, "Reproductive", are disposed to replenish their species with new generation for the colony so it will keep growing. The executive body of their organizational chart is both king and queen who rule and keep the order of their colony. As a ruling class both are accountable for making predestined orderliness so as for the colony to stays on with all its members are performing their tasks.

When it pertains to termite morphology and appearance is referred to, this pest is more flaccid, whitish, short-legged, plumper and more often than not practically more sluggish in locomotion. Altogether, they are not justifiably nearly kindred to ants. Real ants species, side-by-side with wasps and bees, traces back to Hymenoptera order. Yet the so called white ants are much more approximate to roaches and mantis. As all of the three are occasionally clustered into Dictyoptera, a superior insect order. Roughly a number of scientists sustain conclusions that termites must be categorized as a class Termitidae inside the Blattodea, a roaches' order.

Termites feature biting mouth components, and their flaccid organic structures are miniature, seldom across 1cm long. Normally, they will inhabit gloomy nests and burrows solely staking out once the wing-shaped ablates comes forth to exit the nurturing colony, while building shelter or once reaping their food sustenance.

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The organic structure of taking flight termites in color are blacker though the termites that stay in the mound are broadly snowy colored with just their heads bearing vividness. The flanks of termites are elongated and narrow in duos that are likewise sorted and shaped. Deducted from featuring balanced wings, the reference of the Order they belong to can be easily identified. Isopteran are equal winged termites. The fenders are rapidly cast off after a trajectory with a mere body snap. Once, the herding termites encounter a fresh nest land site they start to pair up, and entrench to build colony. The leftovers of termite fenders are a clear-cut triangle; only they are minuscule, so try not to search one overly laborious!

Well-educated on termite morphology and appearance may serve identify pests in and around wooden based structures and in farm crops. When you are capable to nail down by yourself that you experience a termite infestation, you will be able to conduct measures to annihilate them prior to their efforts to bring mayhem to all types of wooden materials and other food sources which they will corrode on.

St. Pete Termite

If you live in the great state of Florida and find that you have a termite problem, you are very lucky since you have easy access to one of the premier termite eradication companies in the state – St. Pete Termite. This amazing company is located in St. Petersburg, Florida and is a member of the Fumigation Advisory Council of Florida. St. Pete Termite has also received numerous awards including the prestigious Commitment to Excellence Certification in tent fumigation by Dow Agro sciences.

St. Pete termite has been in business since 1946 and has committed themselves to providing termite fumigation services to the people of Florida on a large scale. They have state of the art technology for termite and general pest control and keep up-to-date with any new technologies that might come about from research and testing in the field of pest control. Their employees are highly trained and they offer up guarantees that assure you will be getting the best service and rid you of your pest problems.

When St. Pete Termite was founded, their owners wanted to fill a gap in the pest control industry. What they wanted to do was give Floridians a choice in who they wanted to take care of their termite problem – a company who could do the job effectively versus a company who could come into your home and do the best they could without any type of promise or guarantee that the job would be done correctly and efficiently.

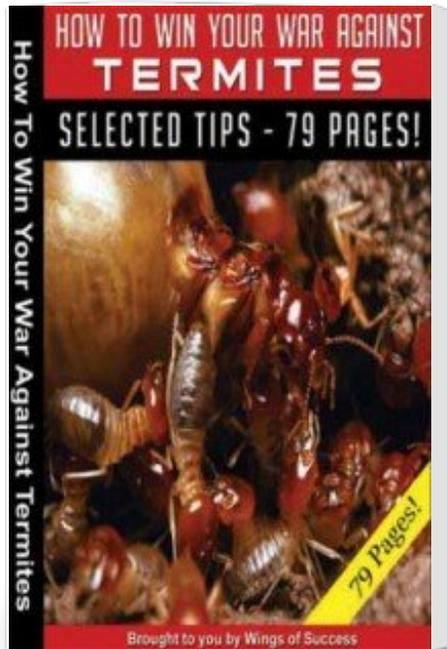
One of the great things about St. Pete Termite is that they specialize in tent fumigation. What that means is that if you have a termite infestation, they will come in and spray your home with the most effective chemicals on the market. They will then erect a tent around the area that has been treated and allow those chemicals to go to work and get rid of your termite problem.

This company is one of the premiere termite and pest control companies in the greater Tampa Bay area. They have successfully fumigated all sorts of structure like high-rise towers, commercial buildings, boats, condominiums, and even mobile homes. St. Pete Termite is a company that takes pride in their work and does every single thing that they can do to eradicate a termite problem and save your structure.

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Something to keep in mind about St. Pete Termite is that they are fully licensed and sanctioned in the state of Florida. That means that the Florida government deems them able to provide the services that they advertise and that they do so with an amazing sense of accuracy. If you are in Florida and want to contact St. Pete Termite, go to their website at www.stpetepest.com.

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