



Our Insect Enemies



Hidden Invaders

(NAPSA)—Although termites are small in size, they have big appetites, annually eating away at American homes to the tune of \$5 billion. Unfortunately, most homeowners' policies don't cover the damage they leave behind.

To protect your home, here are some tips from experts:

- Don't delay fixing roof or plumbing leaks. These leaks can allow termites to survive above-ground and in your home.

- Eliminate wood-to-soil contact around your foundation and remove any wood debris from around your home.



Termites can slide into homes through openings as thin as a sheet of paper. Once inside, they eat furniture, wallpaper and even books.

- Don't let mulch or soil touch your home's siding. It makes termite access easier.

- Maintain adequate ventilation in crawl spaces and avoid storing items there.

- Have your home inspected by a trained professional annually.

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