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Riding The Swarm Out

(NAPSA)—Are you ready for a swarm of houseguests? Experts say you should be because it's almost always termite "swarming season" somewhere in the country.

Generally, swarming occurs when a colony of drywood termites sends out many reproductive termites to start new colonies. These termites enter new wood through a crack, hole or other surface defect. The termites live within the wood, requiring no contact with soil. There can be many colonies existing in your home at once.

The problem is significant, as a colony left unchecked can do severe damage to a home. When the damage is structural, it can lead to big expenses.

Swarms are just one sign of termite infestation. Check for severely blistered wood or woodwork with pinhead-sized holes; piles of six-sided pellets on floors, windowsills and in attic space; discarded wings or dead termites near light sources and hollow sounding wood.

When drywood termites are discovered, pest management experts recommend whole-structure fumigation. Only whole-structure fumigation with Vikane® gas fumigant ensures the elimination of dry-



Uninvited Guests—Homeowners can take steps to protect their homes from termite swarms.

wood termites. It spreads into every crevice and corner of a home, reaching termites living in the wood—including wood that is otherwise inaccessible.

The fumigant can only be used by highly trained professionals and provides homeowners with peace of mind that all termites are eliminated.

For more information on controlling termites, visit the University of Florida's Web site at http://flrec.ifas.ufl.edu/entomo/Structural_Entomology/drywood/Drywood.htm or www.termitetenting.com.

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