

HINTS FOR HOMEOWNERS

Termites Cause Big Problems For Homeowners

(NAPSA)—Whether you've lived in your home for years or are working the bugs out of a mortgage on a new home, it can pay to keep an eye out for drywood termites.

Each year termites damage millions of homes and structures in the U.S., racking up an annual price tag of more than \$2 billion in treatment and repair costs. The insects are tireless wood eaters that live in colonies deep inside the wood of a home. This makes the pests difficult to find—but you can look for signs of drywood termites.

- Hollow sounding wood.
- Discarded wings or dead termites near a light source.
- Severely blistered wood or woodwork with pin-sized holes.
- Piles of six-sided pellets on the floor, on window sills or in closets.

The treatment option most recommended for drywood termites is whole-structure fumigation with Vikane® gas fumigant. The gas penetrates every part of your home—including deep in the wood where termites live. Vikane provides homeowners peace of mind that all termites will be eliminated.



Homeowners should watch for signs of termite infestation.

The fumigation can only be performed by professionals. It may be a good idea to choose a **Commitment to ExcellenceSM (CTE)** company to perform the service. The **CTE** program, sponsored by Dow AgroScience LLC, recognizes companies making a commitment to excel in whole-structure fumigation.

For more information, visit <http://flrec.ifas.ufl.edu/Drywood.htm> or www.termitetenting.com.

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