



# Our Insect Enemies



## Termites—Controlling The Enemy Within

(NAPSA)—You may never see the enemy until it's too late. That is the danger of termite infestation, which can be devastating to a homeowner. In the United States, termites cause more than \$2 billion in treatment and repair costs each year.

Most responsible for the damage in the southern coastal regions of the nation is a small, tireless wood eater known as the drywood termite. Drywood termites are just what their name implies—they live within and eat dry wood and do not require contact with the soil.

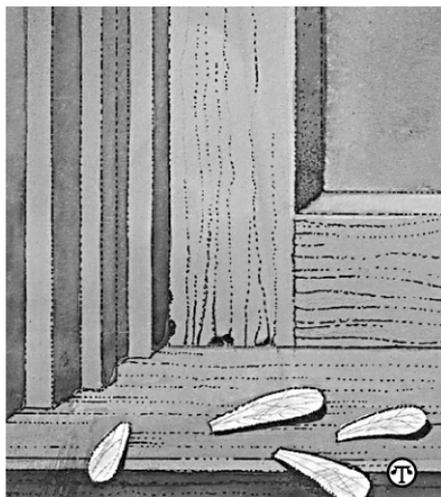
### Swarming Season

Drywood termite swarming seasons vary from California to Florida. In northern California, swarming can typically be seen in June and July. In the southern part of the state, they can be observed from September through November. In Florida, termite swarmers take flight in spring through fall, from February through November, usually on warm sunny days after a rain.

Other signs of drywood termite infestation include six-sided fecal pellets, blistered wood, pinhead-sized holes in the woodwork, dead termites and discarded wings found near light sources.

### Termite Treatment

Should you see these signs, it is important to contact a pest management professional right away. The treatment most recommended when drywood termites are discovered is a whole structure fumigation with Vikane\* gas fumigant. This is the only way to ensure 100 percent control of drywood termite infestations



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throughout the structure.

When choosing a pest management professional, homeowners should look for a **CTE (Commitment To Excellence<sup>SM</sup>)** company. The **CTE** program, sponsored by Dow AgroSciences LLC, recognizes companies making a commitment to excel in the area of whole-structure fumigation. **CTE** companies offer property owners peace of mind knowing that highly trained professionals will solve their drywood termite problems.

The effectiveness of Vikane is confirmed by over 40 years of university research, practical use, and published reports. More than one million structures, ranging from homes to museums have been fumigated with Vikane over the years.

For more information about drywood termite treatment options, visit the University of Florida's Web site at [www.ftld.ufl.edu/drywood.htm](http://www.ftld.ufl.edu/drywood.htm) or visit [www.dowagro.com](http://www.dowagro.com).

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