



Our Insect Enemies



Who's Taking A Bite Out Of Your Home?

(NAPSA)—Imagine a large, unwanted dog roaming under and through your house.

That is an image one University of Florida scientist uses to describe the size of certain termite colonies.

“A Formosan termite colony can grow to 10 million termites,” said Faith Oi, assistant extension scientist at the University of Florida. “The colony’s weight is about 80 pounds, which is about the weight of a large dog.”

Every year there are at least 600,000 new infestations of termites, causing \$1 billion in property damage—more than the damage caused by fire and storms.

In fact, your home may be at greater risk from termite infestation than from a house fire. About 365,000 homes will require fire department services this year, while more than two million homes will need termite help.

Is your home safe? Few homeowners recognize the risk they face.

“The biggest problem with termites is that the insects remain hidden when they do their damage,” said Oi.

Even if homeowners suspect an infestation, they are not prepared to tackle a problem this immense, and the smartest move is to hire a professional.

Trained pest professionals know about the latest and most effective



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The termites pictured above can be effectively treated with some of the newer products, like Subterfuge® termite bait.

treatments, such as Subterfuge® termite bait. Unlike other baits, Subterfuge is active beginning from day one, and can begin killing termites the day it is installed. And, because termites love the taste, they are quick to bring other termites to the Subterfuge and spread it through the colony, which helps wipe out the entire infestation. Other bait stations only detect termite activity when first installed. That can allow termites to continue feasting on your home for months before an active bait is ever used.

For more information on protecting your home from termites or about Subterfuge, consult a pest control professional.