

HINTS FOR HOMEOWNERS

Tackling Termites: Advice From The Experts

(NAPSA)—A new video is educating homeowners with prevention tips and treatment options for termite infestation. The video features experts and information from the University of Georgia's Structural Pest Control Training Center.

According to the tape, termites cost Americans approximately \$1.7 billion a year—and your home may be a target.

Most infested homes are attacked by subterranean termites. These highly social insects live in organized colonies. On average there are 13 to 14 subterranean termite colonies per acre, which means that a typical home may easily have three to four colonies situated around it.

Problems arise when homes are constructed on land that has been inhabited by termites for centuries. Termites need to feed on wood for survival and see homes as a feast in their search for the ultimate dining pleasure. Extreme destruction occurs when termites swarm, an effort that perpetuates the species, and results in the devastation of homes.

Dr. Harlan Feese, entomologist and vice president, technical services at Orkin Pest Control applauds the video: "Whether they are building a new home or evaluating their current home treatment, people should be aware of the many kinds of construction practices that perpetuate termites. To protect your investment, turn to



A new video offers a number of ways to help protect your home from termites.

this video for some solid reminders that a determined termite could be eating away at your future."

The video demonstrates some of the following tips:

- Move firewood away from the home;
- Eliminate excessive moisture in and around crawl spaces;
- Investigate concrete slab construction around plumbing areas;
- Beware of the common practice of filling porches with dirt/debris; and
- Consider a bait and monitoring system in addition to barrier treatment.

The video, "Tackling Termites, Advice from the Experts," is available by calling 1 800-563 HOUSE or by visiting the ORKIN Web site at www.orkin.com.