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HOME OWNER TIMBER PEST

GUIDE & TIPS



Protect your home from Timber Pests

Hi

I'm Steve from Complete Pest Services Qld

This booklet is intended as a guide only, to help home owners understand some of the areas around your home that are considered conducive to Timber Pests and some tips on how to check for termites in your home.

Your timber pest inspection may include but is not limited to the information provided in this Inspection Guide.



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What to look for

Termite Damage to Skirting & Architraves



Plaster Wall Deformation or Damage



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REPORTS IN 24HRS

Timber Pest Guide:

Reduce Conducive Conditions

Tips to help keep termites away from your home

- ⇒ Don't put garden beds, shrubs, trees or bark against the walls of your home
- ⇒ Don't leave loose timber stacked against or under your home or in the yard
- ⇒ Don't leave objects leaning against the walls that also touch the ground
- ⇒ Don't place grass clippings around trees
- ⇒ Wood piles should be kept off the ground so you can see the mud trails left by the termites if they attack the timber
- ⇒ Remove old tree stumps from your yard
- ⇒ Report any suspected termite activity in fences and trees around your home to us straight away
- ⇒ Don't try to treat termites with domestic pesticides - this will not eradicate the colony
- ⇒ If you have a brick home, make sure the gaps (also called weep holes) between the bricks near the concrete slab are open to allow any moisture to get out
- ⇒ Fix any leaking hose taps
- ⇒ Ensure your Air-Con overflow is connected to a drainage system
- ⇒ Ensure your down pipes are connected & damage free

Annual Timber Pest Inspection

Rectifying the conditions conducive to timber pest noted on your annual timber pest Inspection report is a good start to reducing your risk of termite infestation

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Inspection Tips

Checking for termites

Inside

- ⇒ Tap your knuckles or a screwdriver handle on any timber in your home (for example—skirting boards, architraves, door and window frames) and listen for a dull, hollow sound.
- ⇒ Try to see if there are signs of termites' presence in the house – small holes in the wooden surface or red and black dust by the walls. Those are potentially the termite poop that they are leaving behind
- ⇒ Look for blistered or bubbled paint, and rippled or bulging wall linings, skirtings or architraves.
- ⇒ Look for sagging and uneven ceiling linings and cornice

Outside

- ⇒ Check for small mud trails against the walls and paths, or trails leading up the foundation posts or brick walls into your home.
- ⇒ Mud trails are more likely to be found in moist areas against the building and storage areas under the building.
- ⇒ Check under any timber debris (Timber pallets, tree stumps, stacked firewood e.t.c)
- ⇒ Check your trees for mud trails and elevated nests

What to do if you discover Termites

- ⇒ **The most important thing is to act rapidly if you notice any signs of infestation - Contact us immediately.**
- ⇒ **Don't spray them with household products.**
- ⇒ **Don't disturb the termites as a pest treatment requires live termites to spread the correct termicide to the colony for best results for eradicating the nest.**



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- **BUILDING & TIMBER PEST INSPECTIONS**
- **CHEMICAL BARRIERS FOR TIMBER PEST**
- **TERMITE BAIT SYSTEMS**
- **LOCALISED TERMITE TREATMENTS**
- **GENERAL PEST CONTROL**

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Licence Classes:

Builder Low-Rise; Completed Residential Building Inspector; Termite Management - Chemical; Pool Safety Inspector; Asbestos Class B

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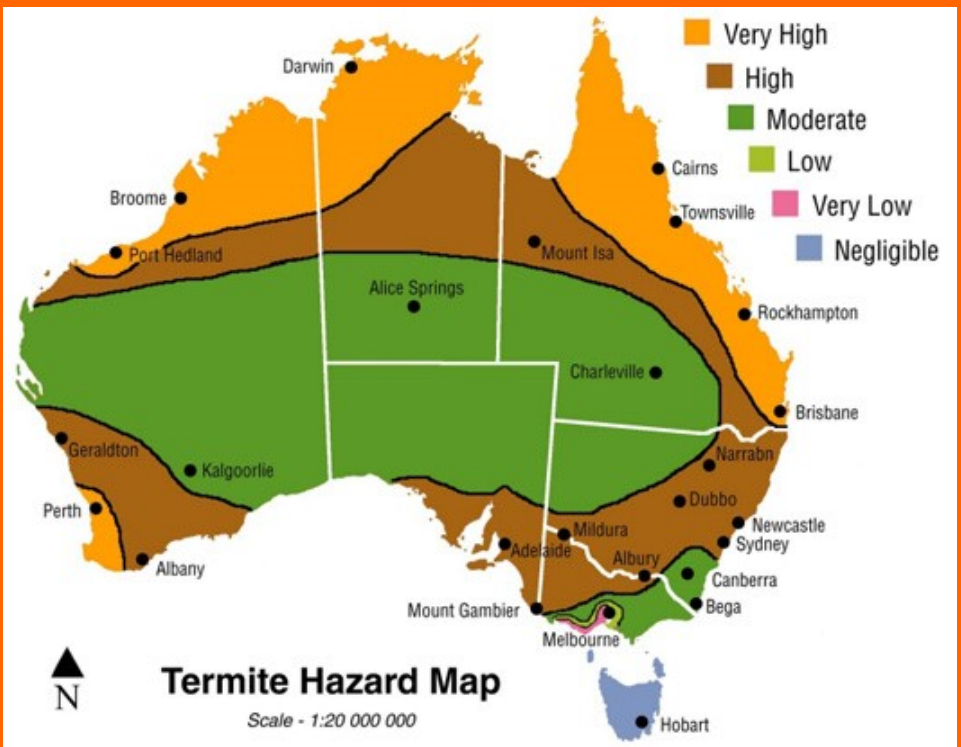
Considerations

Termites are certainly more active during the warmer months and in South East Qld our climate conditions with our hot summer with high rainfall provides the best conditions for termites to thrive.

There are many options to protect your home from termites. Reducing the areas that can attract termites is a great start, however protecting areas where termites are likely to access your home with a suitable termite barrier should also be considered.

Considering the cost for an Annual Timber Pest Inspection is as little as \$180 it is surprising that many home owners do not arrange annual timber pest inspections.

Did you know that an annual timber pest inspection is required to maintain the warranty for your termite barrier system. So if you don't have a termite barrier system the need for you to consider an annual timber pest inspection is even higher.



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