

Roll out the “Unwelcome Mat” to

FORMOSAN TERMITES!

FACTS

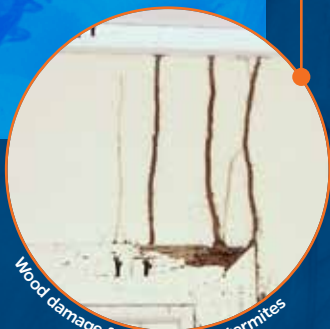
- Formosan termite damage is \$1 Billion a year in the United States!
- Native to Taiwan and China, not native to Florida.
- An invasive subterranean termite with underground “hidden” habits.
- Will eat anything containing cellulose including:
 - » Plants, Trees, Paper, Wood Construction
- Form carton nests and foraging tubes in trees and structures.
- Needs and thrives on MOISTURE!

COLONIES

- Formosan termite colonies may contain up to 1 million individuals.
- Have a caste systems that include workers, queens, and soldiers.
- Homeowners may see the winged reproductive termites (alates) swarm from May to July. They are attracted to lights at dusk when weather is calm, humid, and warm.
- Once mature, queens can lay up to 3,000 eggs a day!
- Soldiers comprise up to 20% of the colony (only 2% in native subterranean) which can help in identification.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

- Have annual inspections conducted by a licensed Pest Control Company.
- Extend gutter and drainage systems at least one foot away from homes.
- No landscaping or woodpiles within one foot of the home foundation.
- Do not remove or disturb treated soil directly around home foundation.
- Direct sprinklers away from the home.
- Repair cracks and holes in foundation and around the exterior of the home.
 - » $\frac{1}{64}$ th of an inch is all that's needed for a termite to invade!
 - » Stucco and exposed wood should be 6 inches from the soil line.
- Repair any leaks in and around the home immediately, especially check around windows and plumbing.



Wood damage from Formosan termites

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