



**BURGESS PEST PRESENTS**

# **HOMEOWNER'S GUIDE TO TERMITE & ANT SEASON**

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# SIGNS OF A TERMITE INFESTATION

Whiteish insects (live or dead) inside or in mulch beds



Wood damage



Translucent wings or winged insects



Mud tubing



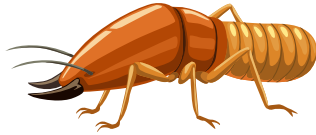
## TERMITE HOT SPOTS IN YOUR HOME

1. Dead trees or stumps
2. Inside walls
3. Perimeter of home & mulch beds
4. Beneath foundation
5. Basement



# INFORMATION TO CHEW ON

## DON'T TRY THIS AT HOME: TERMITE CONTROL



Termites are estimated to cause around \$5 billion of damage each year - and most homeowners insurance will not cover the cost of repairs.



### PROPER I.D. IS KEY

You must be sure you're dealing with termites and not another pest, like flying ants. Without being 100% certain of the pest, self-treatment can be completely ineffective – and dangerous.

### MAKING THINGS WORSE

Disrupting activity with DIY methods can force pests to another area of your home or compromise important evidence of infestation, making it difficult for even seasoned professionals to identify the problem and formulate a treatment plan.



### IT WON'T SAVE MONEY

Termites are a costly pest; while you're spending hundreds of dollars and a lot of time on self-treatment methods that aren't working, termites could be doing serious (and expensive) damage to your home.



When it comes to termites, it's best to call a company well-versed in identifying, eliminating, and preventing termite infestation. Let the Burgess Pest team handle the termites while you get back to the more enjoyable DIY projects.

# Flying Ant



Bent antennae

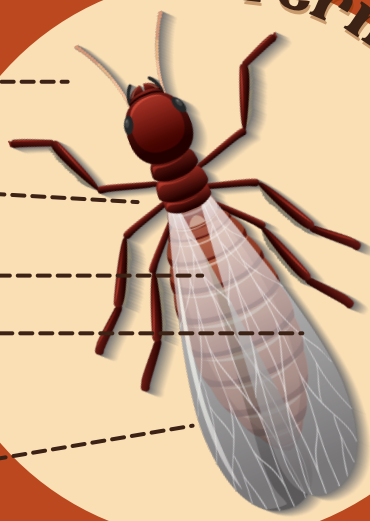
2 sets of wings,  
uneven in  
length, shorter  
than body

Pinched waist

Hard body

## Termite or Flying Ant? Know the Differences

# Termite



Straight antennae

Broad waist

2 sets of  
wings, even  
in length,  
longer than  
body

Soft body

# THE ANTS ARE MARCHING - HOW DID THEY GET INSIDE?

Without fail, every year the ants come marching. We expect to see ants outside, but when they start inviting themselves indoors, they quickly become a source of major frustration. So how do ants find their way inside in the first place?



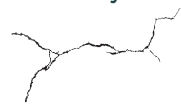
## 1 Cracks in Foundation

Ants don't need much room to squeeze through; small cracks in your foundation provide easy access



## 2 Cracks in Walls

Look for cracks where walls meet floor and ceiling, around windows and doors, and near outlets or utility lines



## 3 Doors & Windows

Gaps around doors and windows and loose, broken, or ill-fitted screens provide a perfect opportunity for ants to get inside



## 4 From Plants

Tree branches or shrubs close to or touching your house are a highway for foraging ants



## 5 Utility Lines & Pipes

Small openings and gaps around utility lines and plumbing provide enough space for ants to make their way in.



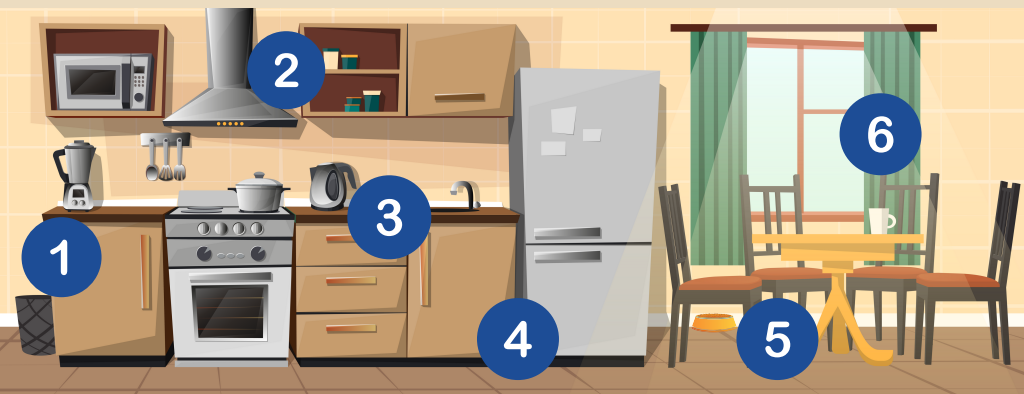
## 6 By Accident!

Ants can be brought indoors on clothes and shoes, in food, inside luggage, or in house plants



# DOS AND DON'TS OF DIY ANT CONTROL

A quick and handy guide to keeping ants outside where they belong.



1

## **DO: TAKE OUT THE TRASH**

Dispose of garbage regularly - in the meantime, keep trash bins well-sealed.

2

## **DON'T: LEAVE FOOD OPEN**

Store pantry items in airtight containers or sealed bags. Clean up any food debris in cabinets & pantries.

3

## **DO: REMOVE WATER SOURCES**

Eliminate water sources such as plumbing leaks, dishes & standing water in sinks and water around bathtubs, & even around houseplants.

4

## **DO: KEEP THINGS CLEAN**

Regularly clean floors, & wipe down countertops & tables, especially after meal time.

5

## **DON'T: KEEP PET DISHES ON THE FLOOR**

Food left at ground level is a surefire invitation for foraging ants. Keep pet food and water off the floor when possible, and store pet food in sealed containers.

6

## **DO: DENY ACCESS**

Prevent ants getting inside in the first place by caulking small cracks & crevices around doors & utility lines, ensuring screens are intact and doors & windows close securely.