



Tips to Protect your Property from Termites

- There are approximately 300 species of termites in Australia. Subterranean termites (*also called white ants*) cause the most damage.
- Termites feed off cellulose-containing materials eg timber.
- Apart from timber, termites are attracted by water or moisture; ensure the perimeter of your property is kept free of damp spots to reduce the risk.
- Mulch retains moisture and termites are attracted to it, as this is a food source! Keep mulch away from brickwork or the wall edge of your property. Keep mulch below weep holes.
- Timber piles should be stored off the ground. If your house is raised, do not store timber, boxes, magazines or wooden furniture on the ground underneath your property.
- Dead trees or tree stumps should be removed, or regularly inspected for termites, and treated if required.
- Don't assume your property is free of termites because you can't see any damage. Regular termite inspections are essential.
- If you find termites do not disturb them and DO NOT try to treat them with regular store-bought pest control sprays or other chemicals. Professionals require live and active termites to work with.