

Several Tips to avoid Termite Infestation:

- As most termites are attracted to moisture, avoid water accumulation near your home's foundation.
- When pouring concrete foundations or piers ensure that concrete is properly vibrated. This eliminates air pockets through which termites can and will travel.
- Divert water away with properly functioning downspouts, gutters and splash blocks. Also, be sure to quickly repair house damage from a leaky roof or window as termites can thrive in this moisture.
 - Reduce humidity in crawl spaces with proper ventilation.
 - Prevent shrubs, vines and other vegetation from growing over and covering vents.
- Never bury wood scraps or waste lumber in the yard, especially near the building.

Remove old tree stumps and roots around and beneath the building.

Most importantly, eliminate any wood contact with the soil.

Maintaining a large gap between the soil and wood portions of the building is ideal. Recognizing the destruction termites can cause, it is important to be aware of infestation warning signs:

- Swarming of winged forms in the fall and spring - termites can easily be confused with flying ants.
 - Evidence of mud tunneling in, over and under wood structures
 - Wooden structures exhibit darkening or blistering
- Damaged wood becomes extremely thin and can be easily punctured by a knife or a screwdriver. For further information, visit

<http://www.pestworld.org>

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<http://www.termite.com/sa/whyalla.shtml>

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