

# Termite Inspection 101

## Places to Look for Formosan Subterranean Termite Infestations

### Exterior Inspection

- **Building structure**

*Check window and door frames, siding and overhangs for termite damage, swarm castles and moisture problems.*



- **Slab construction**

*Check for termite shelter tubes at the base of your home's foundation walls.*

*Check wood-to-ground contact. Examples: garden borders, wooden expansion joints and fence posts.*



- **Pier construction**

*Check each support pier for shelter tubes.*

*Inspect the wood above each pier for termite damage.*

*Inspect drain pipes and other services that extend from the house to the ground for shelter tubes.*



### **Pier problem areas**

- *Wooden piers, lattice or plywood that close entrances between piers.*
- *Wood stored under structures that attracts termites.*
- *Debris and trash under the structure that severely inhibits inspection.*



## Interior Inspection

- Walls

*Check for swarm castles.*

- Exposed wood

*Check baseboards, window frames and door frames for termite damage.*



*Rippled walls and trim can indicate termites tunneling underneath.*

### **Termite swarm castles →**

*These breakouts are staging areas for the termite colonies' annual swarm season in the spring.*

- Attics

*Check for termite damage and water leaks. Because wood is exposed, the attic is often the first place where termite damage is visible.*



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