

TERMINATING TERMITES

HOW TO KEEP THEM OUT OF YOUR FACILITY

Are termites clocking in at your workplace? Chances are, they're not on payroll – but that won't stop them from chewing an unexpected hole in your finances and causing structural damage to your facility. These spontaneous guests often toil away unseen until it's too late, and they can cause tens of thousands of dollars in damage to your property.

COMMON TERMITES IN CANADA

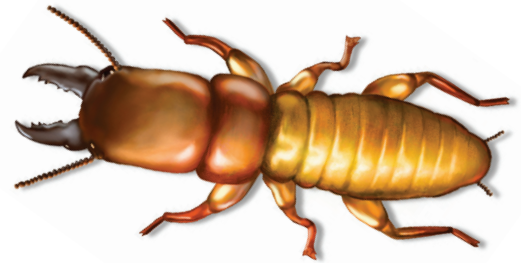
SUBTERRANEAN TERMITES

These termites take up residence in moist soil and dig complex tunnels into buildings, leaving a destructive path in their wake.



DAMPWOOD TERMITES

Naturally drawn to water-damaged wood, these termites make themselves cozy in support beams and hidden areas affected by roof leaks or cracked drainpipes.



IDENTIFYING AN INFESTATION

Even if your building has a concrete foundation, termites can still find their way to wood through plaster, siding and cracks. But how do you tell if they've been lurking inside your walls? Look out for these signs:



Damaged or decaying wood



Brownish-tan droppings



Mud tubes on the siding of structures



Cracked or bubbling paint on walls



Termite swarms (hundreds of winged termites) and discarded wings

HOW TO PREVENT TERMITES

Once they're in, they're tough to get out. Follow these steps to monitor and manage termite activity in your building:



Caulk around utility lines or pipes.



Check water drainage sites and ensure they remain clear.



Cover outside vents with screens.



Dispose of any rotting wood or debris near the building.



Fortify moisture collection sites by repairing pipes, gutters, downspouts, A/C units and other fixtures susceptible to leaking.



Monitor wooden structures for damage.

To keep termites and other pests away from your facility, call your local Orkin Canada branch for a free estimate.