

Termites. They're hungry. And to them, your house is food. Is there anything you can do to stop them? Can you make your home less appetizing?

More than 100 termite experts with a combined 2,000 years of experience say these are **the top 10 mistakes** homeowners make when it comes to termites:

10: Repairing utilities on the property.



If your lawn gets dug up for plumbing, gas or electrical work, your termite treatment may be compromised if your home has been treated with a liquid termiticide.

If your home is protected by a station product such as the Sentricon® system, digging isn't a concern as long as the stations stay in place or are appropriately relocated.

9: Piling excessive mulch around your home.

Termites love mulch. Too much up against your home holds soil moisture and can be a natural bridge that termites can use to enter your home.



8: Digging around your foundation's.

Liquid termite treatments around your foundation are effective only if left undisturbed. So if you dig around your house to plant a new rosebush, you might have opened a hole for termites to crawl through.

If your home is protected by the Sentricon system, digging around your foundation isn't a concern as long as the stations stay in place or are appropriately relocated.

7: Leaving old tree stumps in the yard.



Dead trees are almost as desirable to termites as your home. Stumps in your yard can serve as a launch pad for an attack.

6: Stacking firewood near the home.

If you put firewood up against your house, you might as well also leave out a welcome mat for the termites. They can burrow into the woodpile and then right into your house.



5: Using do-it-yourself (DIY) products to try to control termites yourself.

Termite control is not like fixing a leaky tap. Failure to do it right, and you and your home will most likely pay the price. This is one time you should leave it to the professionals.





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4: Having untreated wooden materials next to your home.



Yes, that new fence will keep your dog in your yard, but that untreated wood up against your house also might let termites in. It is best to use treated wood, non-timber fencing, or at least leave a gap between the fence and your home.

3: Adding extensions without expanding termite protection.

If you've added a sunroom, expanded your kitchen or poured a new patio, that addition needs to be protected from termites, too. Don't offer up that beautiful new addition as a termite's next meal.

2: Not fixing earth-to-ground structural wood contact.

If a portion of your wood verandah is touching soil, you're asking for termites. Soil + wood contact = termites.

1: Not getting a professional termite inspection.

Termites are not easy to detect, and failing to do so can cause thousands of dollars in damage.

Trained professional termite inspectors know termite behavior; where they like to hide, what their damage looks like, what they leave behind as evidence. Unless you're a professional termite manager, you don't.

Leave this one to the professionals.

The Sentricon System

The Sentricon system consists of Above-Ground (AG) Bait Stations and Sentricon AlwaysActive In-Ground Stations. With the same active ingredient in both stations, they form a whole system of protection for your home.

The AG Stations are used inside your home if you have active termites. They can also be used outside in areas where AlwaysActive Stations cannot be installed, such as shallow soil, tree trunks, etc.

Sentricon AlwaysActive are active from day one and can eliminate a termite colony before you even know it's there!

Sentricon AlwaysActive can be used for new or existing structures, as a preventative or curative treatment, either alone or in combination with other treatments.

Sentricon AlwaysActive is safe to you, your pets and the environment. There are no nasty chemicals involved. There is no impact on groundwater, wildlife and the environment. It is perfect for sensitive situations. There is usually no destruction/disruption to any structure during installation or monitoring.

As 32% of Australian homes are impacted by termites every year , the Sentricon system is an affordable protection against a common risk.

If you require further information go to www.sentricon.com.au



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