



# YPC

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## Termites

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NEW ENGLAND PEST MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION, INC.

- Termites cause more damage every year than fire and windstorms combined, costing Americans 2 billion dollars a year in damage and in almost all cases they are not covered by homeowners insurance.
- Termites are social insects that live in colonies underground. Termites construct mud tubes (called shelter tubes) and gain access from the soil into the home. The shelter tubes may not always be visible. Termites are experts at hiding themselves and often come up through cracks which may exist in the middle of your homes foundation and are not visible from the exterior or interior of your home. Termites can fit through cracks as thin as a sheet of paper or 1/64 of an inch. Shelter tubes are usually about ¼ inch wide but in some cases may be as wide as 1 inch.



Workers



Soldier



Swarmer and Workers



Shelter Tubes

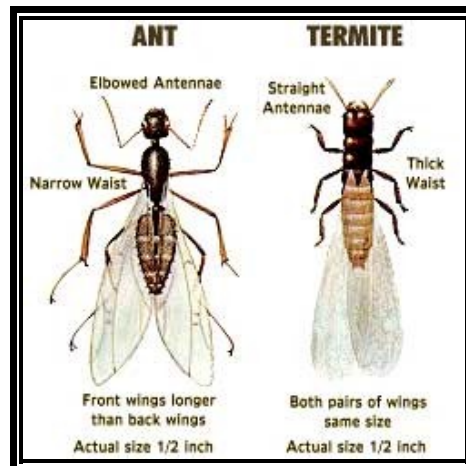


Termite Damage

- Termite workers are white, blind and stay well hidden behind walls, underground, inside wood and shelter tubes. Termite soldiers look similar however they have large mandibles to protect the colony from other predators such as carpenter ants. Termite swarmers are black with clear wings and emerge from soil or infested wood, usually in the early spring and attempt to reproduce and start new colonies. A termite colony can average more than one million termites and work 24 hours a day during the warmer months. A termite queen can live up to 25 years and lay thousands of eggs a year.

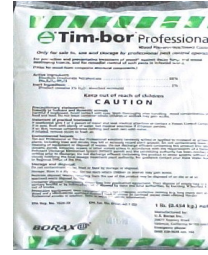


Termites eat wood from the inside out



Extensive termite damage in a crawl space

- Another sign of an infestation is the presence of termite swarmers. Swarmers generally emerge in the early spring (occasionally in the fall) on a warm days usually after a rainfall. Swarmers are often confused with “flying ants” by many homeowners. Swarms usually occur during the late morning, often only outdoors going undetected for years. Swarmers shed their wings after mating. They are attracted to light and wings can often be found around sources of light and heat. The presence of swarmers inside a home indicates the presence of a nearby colony.



## Inspection, Treatment and Monitoring Programs

- YPC specializes in termite inspection and treatment. Inspectors follow treatment guidelines laid out by the New England Pest Management Association. All real estate inspections include an NEPMA Form 33 detailing areas of activity, damage, evidence of prior treatment and inaccessible areas. We pride ourselves on our inspections. Only experienced (10 years minimum) pest control operators are sent out for your home inspection. All inspectors are members of the NEPMA wood destroying insect registry and hold a MA category 43 (Termite and structural pest control) license. We will make any treatment recommendations needed and address any conditions conducive to current or future termite problems.
- If you own a home and know you have termites YPC offers free proposals for treatment of termites. With every treatment comes an initial one year warranty and an option for an annual termite renewal inspection. This is a yearly follow up inspection that will extend your warranty an additional year. This is an important part of any termite plan. It is important to keep a house under contract with your pest control provider. Upon sale of your home you will need to show buyers the home has been well maintained and the current warranty can be passed along to the next owner. There is no limit to how many years you can extend your warranty. If activity is found YPC will retreat as needed at no cost to you. A diagram of the premises is drawn at the time of treatment detailing areas of damage, treatment techniques and products applied. This helps future inspectors and buyers know the history of the home. It is important to hold on to all documentation for the sale of your home.
- YPC also offers monitoring programs for homes that show no signs of active termites. Termite monitoring stations are installed in the soil around the perimeter of the home and checked routinely throughout the termite season. If activity is found and treatment recommended the money paid for the years monitoring will be applied toward a full termite treatment. This is a great way to detect the presence of termites before they enter the home and cause damage. Due to the difficulty in detecting termites with certain types of construction this is a popular choice for many buyers looking to protect their investment. A technician will come to your home in the spring, summer, and fall and inspect and replace monitors as needed.
- YPC offers several types of treatments from conventional applications with Termidor, direct wood treatments with Bora-Care and Tim-Bor and baiting programs with the Advance Termite Baiting System. Ask your inspector to design a program that will work best for your home. Every situation is a little different. The most common choice is an exterior application of Termidor to quickly eliminate the problem and stop further damage combined with an Advance monitoring system as an added inspection tool. YPC has designed a truck specifically for termite treatments. A minimum of two technicians are sent to each treatment. The truck contains all the necessary equipment for any style treatment. Technicians are well trained and receive more than the needed continuing education credits needed on a yearly basis.



