

TERMITES

Subterranean Termites

In most cases, to control subterranean termites it is often a large expense to the consumer. This is why we believe this expense should be considered carefully. First, a subterranean termite lives in the soil. However, subterranean termites are known to build “mud tubes” in order to enter a structure or to consume cellulose/wood. In most cases, they build their mud tubes in between tiny cracks in the concrete base of a home or under a structure.

There are several factors to consider when dealing with subterranean termites- i.e. moisture, size of the colony, time of year, and more. This helps in determining how fast they can damage a structure. One key factor to consider is that subterranean termites typically work slowly. It is known that smaller subterranean termite colonies can consume up to 4-6 inches of a 2x4 in a little over a year. We highly recommend that you DO NOT rush into a contract with any pest control company until you can thoroughly research what is being offered to you.

We are proud to be linked up with Ensystem in order to offer their line of subterranean termite preventative baiting system, Exterra. The Exterra Subterranean Termite Preventative Baiting System far exceeds its competition by allowing for less disturbance to the colony plus much more. This is important when controlling the colony. Call us for more details: 239-877-4041. We also offer several other solutions to your subterranean termite problem(s).

Subterranean Termite

Subterranean Termites are social insects that live in colonies consisting of many individuals. The colonies are composed of workers, soldiers, and reproductives. The workers are very small, 1/8th of an inch, have no wings, are white to cream colored and very numerous. Soldiers defend the colony against insects, like ants, that can attack the colony. Soldiers are wingless and white in color with large brown heads. King and Queen Termites perform the reproductive functions of the colony. They are dark brown to black in color.

Subterranean Termites, as the name suggests, live in the soil, in most cases. Subterranean Termites are an important part of our environment. In a natural setting, this type of termite recycles dead trees back into the soil. Without the termite, our forests would be littered with dead trees as wood “rot” cannot break the dead trees down fast enough. The termite sees the wood in your home as just another food source. If the wood of your home does not contact the soil, they can build mud tunnels or tubes to reach the wood several feet above the ground. These mud tunnels can extend for 50-60 feet to reach wood and often enter a structure through expansion joints in concrete

slabs or where utilities enter the home. The main portion of the termite colony stays in the ground and the foraging worker termites come into a home through cracks in the concrete, as small as 1/64th of an inch, a dime's width. Once inside, they will eat the wood and bring it back to the nest in the ground as food to the termites remaining in the colony.

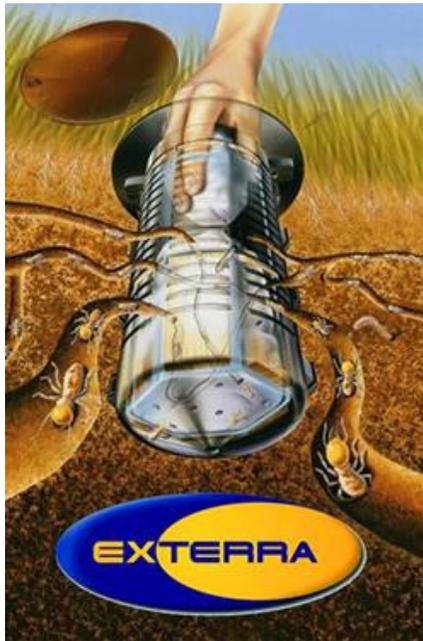
Subterranean termites feed on wood or other items that contain cellulose, such as paper, fiberboard, and some fabrics derived from cotton or plant fibers. Subterranean Termites are often difficult to detect. Detection can be from the presence of winged reproductives, mud tubes on the sides of your home, or seeing wood damage. The control of subterranean termites is often a major expense and like any other household expense should be carefully considered. An important point to remember is that Subterranean Termites work SLOWLY! There are many variables when considering how fast or slow a termite colony will damage a home. A small colony can typically eat six inches of a wooden 2X4 board in one year. You do not need to rush into an agreement with a firm before you thoroughly investigate all your alternatives. Certified Pest Control can control all types of termites for you economically. Let our experienced termite inspector come and evaluate if you have a termite problem or some other form of damage. If it is termites, we can offer to you different types of services to correct the infestation. Certified Pest Control offers long term protection with our in ground termite baiting systems if you plan to keep your home, or traditional liquid treatments for a 5 or 7 year protection.

Swarming Subterranean Termites

During the spring of each year, the Subterranean Termites produce winged Swarmers. The purpose of these swarmers is to fly up onto the air, find a mate and start a new colony. After mating, both the male and the female land on a suitable nesting area, and lose their wings. When they swarm into your home, in most cases, they cannot do any damage to your home. To start a nest, Subterranean Termites need a moist, wet, or rotten wood. Unless you have one of those conditions the swarmer termites cannot hurt you. Swarmer termites are attracted to light when they emerge from the colony. They may be found in window sills or around your TV or ceiling lights. Try not to spray these termite swarmers. They will die within a few hours if no moist wooden nesting area is found. You can use a vacuum to rid yourself of these nuisance pests.

Subterranean Termites are extremely prevalent here in Florida. It's not **if** you will get a termite problem, it is **when** will you get a termite problem. The University of Florida states that, 2/3's of all new homes in Florida will have a termite problem within 5 years. To protect your home have a FREE TERMITE INSPECTION performed yearly by Certified Pest Control. Then consider one of our economical protective Subterranean Termite services to protect your valuable home from unwanted damage and stress. Call Certified Pest Control today for a FREE TERMITE INSPECTION and a complete explanation and free estimate for any of our services. Remember, when thinking pest control, think Certified Pest Control – Your Certified Pest Professional!

For a more detailed explanation on subterranean termites and how we can help, give us a call at 239-877-4041. You may also email us at certifiedpcnaples@gmail.com and remember, when thinking pest control, think Certified Pest Control of Naples- Your Certified Pest Professional!



[Exterra Subterranean Termite Baiting System](#)

Certified Pest Control of Naples has always pride itself in providing you with the most advanced pest control service available. This includes our termite services.

Certified Pest Control of Naples recommends and provides the #1 termite baiting system in the world, The Exterra in ground Termite Baiting System by Ensystemx for Subterranean Termite control. We have been an Exterra representative since 2014 with several of successful Exterra installations controlling termites all over southwest Florida.

The Exterra in ground Termite Baiting System was designed by pest control operators to overcome all the problems associated with other competitive systems.

The Exterra in ground System is 8 times bigger than all other competitive termite baiting systems.

It is designed not to disrupt termite activity when being inspected or adding bait to the station, like other competitive systems do. When termites are disturbed they look elsewhere for food, like your home.

The Exterra in ground System has more attracting wood in the station than other systems do.

The Exterra System has the ability to hold 410 grams of active termite controlling bait, that's 6 times more bait than any other termite system available.

At Certified Pest Control of Naples we place The Exterra in ground Termite Baiting System stations every ten to fifteen feet. That is nearly 2 times closer than other systems.

Certified Pest Control offers more benefits than other pest control termite companies including:

Monitoring The Exterra in ground Termite Baiting System station every 90 days when there is no termite activity and when termites are seen within the Exterra Station, we monitor the stations every 30 days until the termite activity has been controlled.

We also maintain and replace any stations that need repair at no additional charge.

We offer you written termite activity reports of all the inspected Exterra Baiting Stations at no additional charge.

Certified Pest Control of Naples offers economic yearly renewals to maintain this valuable protection for your home.

Certified Pest Control of Naples offers a \$500,000 damage warranty against any termite damage due to our negligence at no additional charge.

Certified Pest Control of Naples has investigated all types of in ground Baiting Systems and to our professional knowledge there is no better in ground termite control system available than the Exterra in ground Termite Baiting System.

Download their brochure here, or look it up for yourself at www.ensystem.com/homeowner/homeowner1.html and read how much more protection you can receive from Exterra than any other type of in ground termite baiting system