



TERMITES... INVISIBLE DESTROYERS

Protecting Your Investment

There are two types of homes – those with termites and those that will have them! Termites cause an estimated \$1.2 billion dollars worth of damage to over 2 million homes in the United States each year. That's damage that can be prevented.

For many of us, our homes are our greatest investment. When this investment is threatened by wood destroying insects, there is only one company to call – Home Paramount.

And termite invasions are not confined to residential structures – commercial facilities must also take precautions against these destructive pests. Fortunately, termite infestations can be controlled through professional termite treatments.

Invisible Invaders

Termites are highly organized and effective wood destroying insects. Subterranean termites, the most common type in our area, live in underground colonies. Their elaborate network of tunnels can penetrate as deep as twelve feet into the earth.

Work in a termite colony is divided so that each termite performs a specific job. *Worker termites* forage tirelessly day and night to find cellulose materials—such as

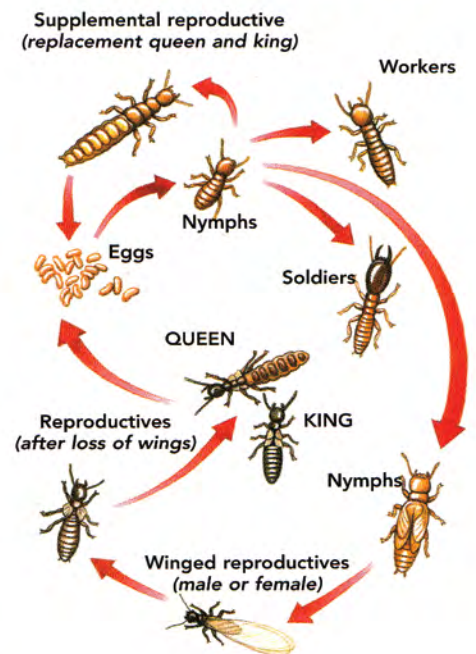
wood and paper—to feed the other members of the colony. That means the wooden features of your home are vulnerable to a termite attack.

Just because you have never seen termites, doesn't mean you are termite-free. Termites need only a tiny entry point to infiltrate a structure. They seek out cracks in the foundation and can enter through gaps as small as 1/32 of an inch. Once inside, termites rarely break through the surface of the wood and instead hollow it out from the inside. As a result, structural damage may be totally hidden from view.

These determined engineers construct mud-tubes from their colony to your home to protect themselves from sunlight, desiccation and predators. These tubes can scale walls, pipes, and even ineffective "termite shields".

Winged reproductive termites, known as swarmers, often alert homeowners to a termite invasion. However, it may take up to 3 years for a colony to begin producing swarmers. Since swarming normally occurs only once or twice a year for less than an hour, you may not see them. By that time irreversible damage may have occurred.

COLONY LIFE CYCLE



Termites cause over \$1.2 billion in damage each year

A professional treatment can prevent termite damage

Subterranean termites live in colonies underground

Worker termites forage constantly for food

Termite invasions and damage may be hidden from view

Swarmers alert homeowners to an infestation





TERMITES CONTROL TECHNOLOGIES

Selecting a Termite Control Program

Termites are among the most destructive pests in the world. Fortunately, top research companies have developed increasingly sophisticated technologies to deal with termites.

Today, there are two primary termite control options: Barrier Treatments and Baiting Systems. HTI offers both options so that you can choose the method that is best for you.

Barrier Treatment

The Barrier Treatment works by placing a termiticide barrier in the soil around the foundation of the structure. This acts as an immediate barrier to termite invasions and can eliminate the problem within days of the treatment. This fast-acting method can prevent further damage to the structure and repairs can be made, if needed, soon after the treatment.

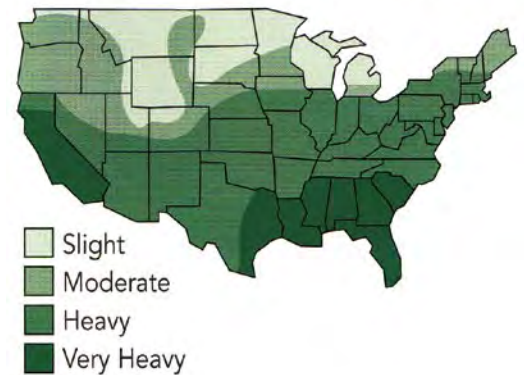
Bait System

The Baiting System works by placing monitoring stations around the foundation of the structure. Once termites are found in the stations, a slow-acting insecticide is introduced to the station. The baiting method is designed to eliminate or control the termite colony, targeting the source of the problem.

The Right Program for You

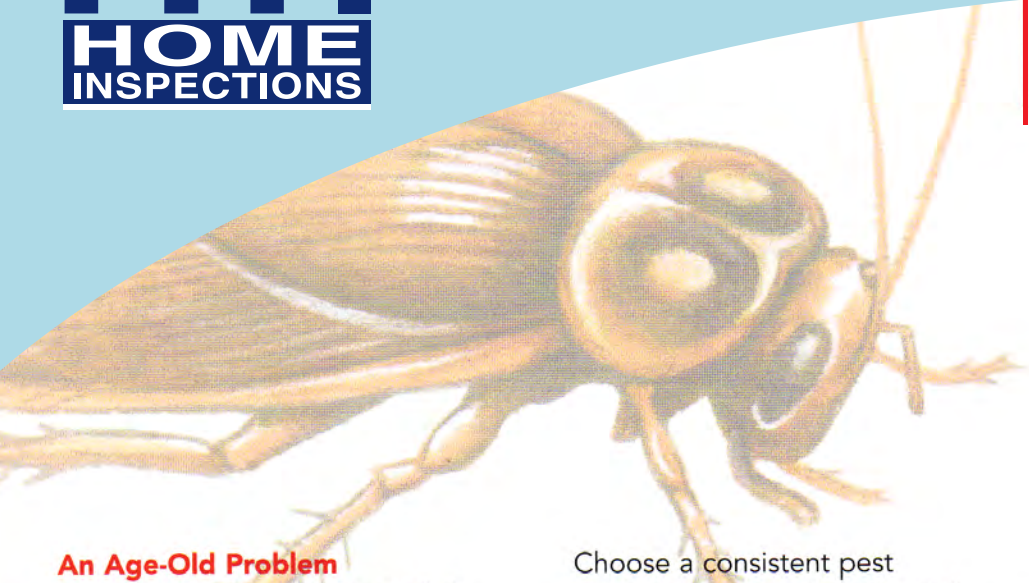
Choosing a termite control program is based on a variety of factors including environmental, structural and treatment considerations. Because each customer has unique needs and expectations, we offer two distinct and effective methods. Our goal is to provide the treatment that works best for you.

Termite Concentration





YEAR-ROUND PEST CONTROL



An Age-Old Problem

Since the beginning of recorded history pests have affected humanity by spreading disease, destroying food supplies and damaging property. Today, pests remain a challenge to the security of our homes with their persistent infestations.

Uninvited Guests

Your home can provide pests with all of the comforts necessary for them to thrive – warmth, food and shelter. These attractive environmental conditions encourage invasions and promote population growth.

Pests can enter your home through cracks, crevices, vents, drain pipes and other minute points of entry. They can nest almost anywhere in and around your home – walls, stumps, soil and even under your foundation.

Take the Initiative

Infestations can occur at any time of the year, so a regular pest management program is a wise investment. Routine pest control maintenance allows us to handle infestations that exist and to prevent future infestations from occurring.

Choose a consistent pest management program through our convenient service options to minimize the effects of pest infestations in your home. Our services are easy and convenient, allowing you to use both your time and money efficiently.

Professional Services

Did you know that most do-it-yourself treatments control visible signs of the infestation rather than treating the source of the problem? And home remedies do not account for the fact that different types of insects require different types of treatments. The wrong treatment can actually make the problem worse.

HTI's Home Inspector's representatives are trained to identify the source of the infestation, the type of insect involved and the best treatment method. We use the latest tools and technologies available to the professional pest management industry, putting them to work for you.

The best part of professional pest control services? You spend your valuable time doing the things that you enjoy rather than fighting pests. This important service is cost-effective to allow you to spend your time and money in the best way possible.

There are nearly as many species of ants (8,800) as there are species of birds (9,000) in the world.

Ants can lift and carry more than fifty times their body weight.

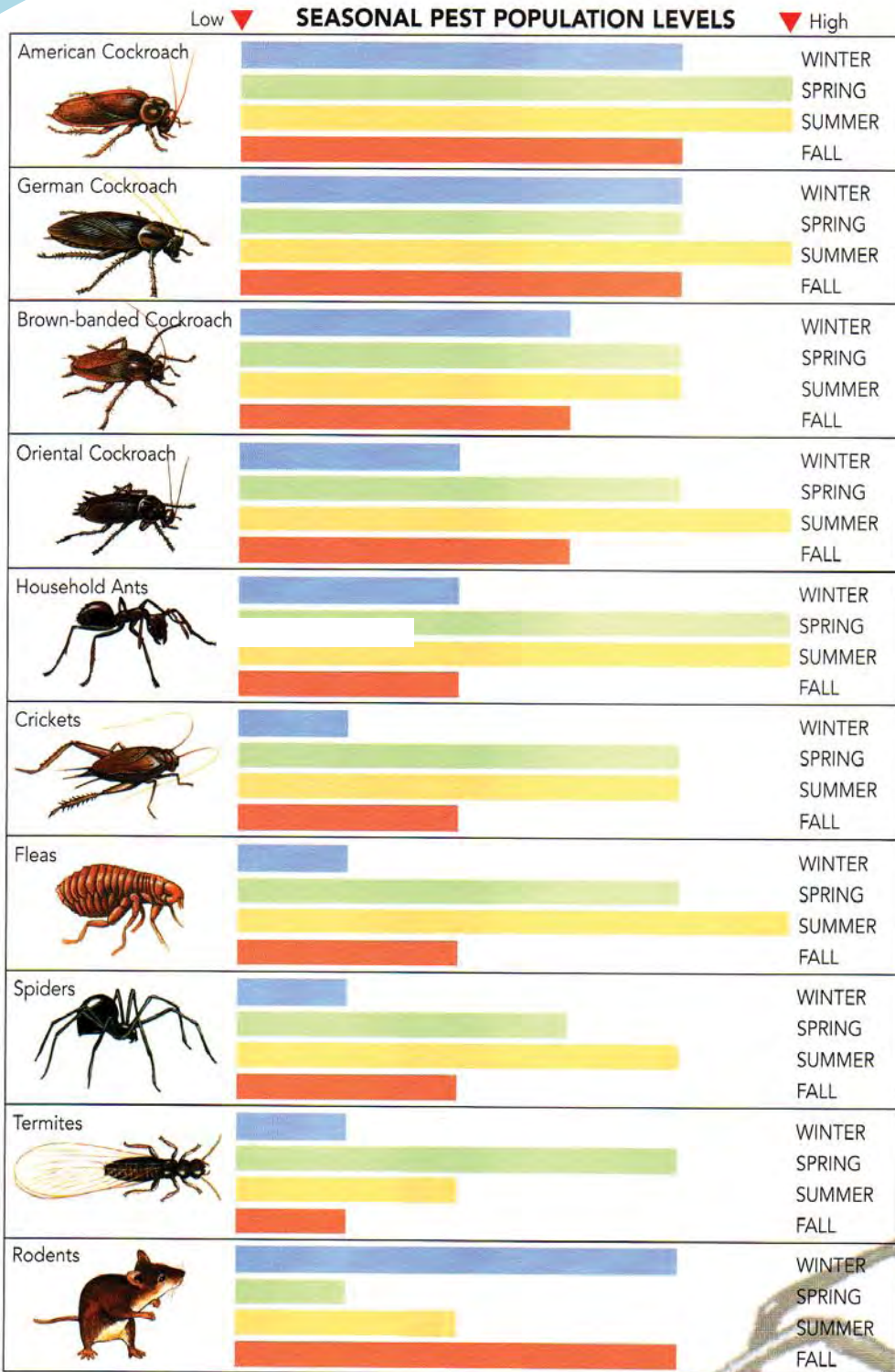
The oldest known fossil of an insect dates back 400 million years and is a springtail.

To survive the cold of winter months, many insects replace their body water with a chemical called glycerol, which acts as an "antifreeze" against the temperatures.

There are about 91,000 kinds (species) of insects in the United States. In the world, some 1.5 million different kinds (species) have been named.

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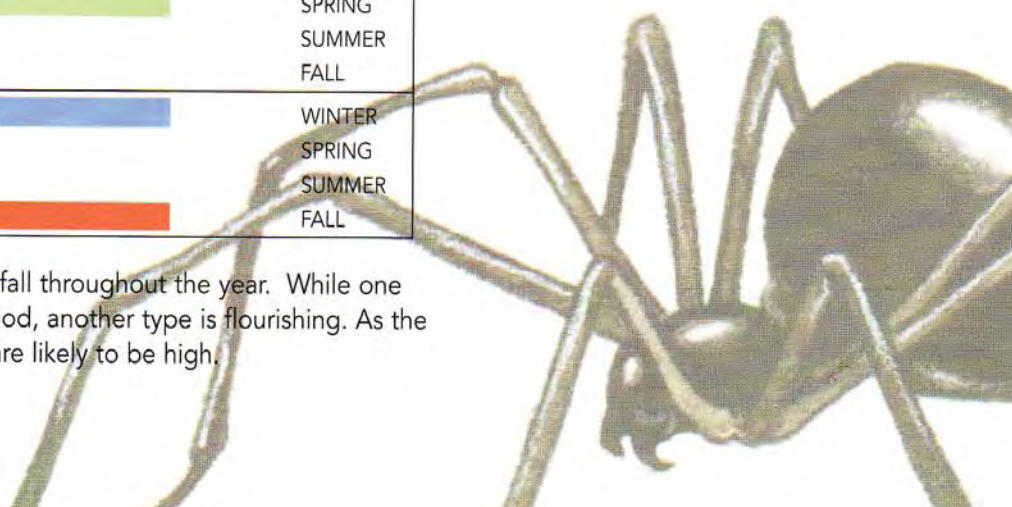
SEASONAL PEST POPULATION LEVELS



Insects know no seasons! That's why year-round pest control is so important.

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As this chart illustrates, pest populations rise and fall throughout the year. While one type of pest is experiencing a low population period, another type is flourishing. As the colored bars move to the right, pest populations are likely to be high.





PEST MANAGEMENT PARTNERS



HTI Home Inspections' has a specialized team to serve your commercial and industrial pest control needs.

Our specialized team of commercial inspectors and technicians are dedicated to the unique expectations and needs of our commercial and industrial clients. Our staff is trained and skilled to handle the broad spectrum of commercial pest and termite control issues with up-to-date products and techniques.

Choose from integrated pest management services, bird control, exclusion, termite control, fumigation and a host of other service offerings to make your corporate environment comfortable for both you and your customers.

We provide our corporate clientele with reasonably priced, custom-designed service programs that are suitable for all business requirements. Our hours are flexible and we offer both day and night services.

We are sensitive to the needs of both small and large businesses. Small business owners benefit from the convenience and efficiency of our services. Large businesses benefit from our professional, effective services.

Regardless of the size of your business, let us handle your pest and termite control so that you can focus on your core business functions.



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**ENVIRONMENTALLY
RESPONSIBLE**

**We care about our customers as well as
our employees and the environment!**

We care about you – our customer – as well as our employees and the environment. We constantly monitor and implement improved materials and new technology to protect your health and welfare. With today's environmental concerns, we want our customers to know that we are environmentally responsible.

Our Inspectors and Technicians are trained to make decisions concerning safety. They may even recommend and use non-chemical solutions if the pest infestation can be controlled without chemicals. They also communicate to you measures you may take to reduce the potential for pests. It's like having your own personal Pest Management Consultant without paying huge consulting fees!

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