



TIPS TO PROTECT YOUR HOME AGAINST TERMITES

CONGRATULATIONS

Your property has Kordon Termite Barrier installed to protect it against termites. Kordon, the Ultimate Termite System, was developed and is made in Australia. It has been installed in over 120,000 homes without one failure. However, even with the best system there are steps you can take to ensure your property remains termite free.

The following should be read in conjunction with the Bayer / Kordon Termite Fact Sheet.

1. Kordon is a physical barrier preventing concealed entry by termites into your building. Termites that attempt to gain entry when they come up to the Kordon will have to go around it, and they should be found during an inspection. Therefore it is vital that you do not damage, build over or cover the Kordon with any materials that will allow termites to gain concealed access above the Kordon.
2. If your home is brick, you will see at the base of the perimeter gaps between the bricks. These are known as weep holes to allow ventilation to the cavity and the escape of moisture that may accumulate in it. Ensure the weep holes are kept clear of concrete, dirt, garden mulch or any obstruction that would allow termites to gain entry without being detected. Maintain a debris free inspection zone of 75 mm below your weep holes.
3. Inspect the building perimeter of your home every 3 months for termite mud tunnels. These tunnels are used by termites to bridge over materials they cannot tunnel through, such as brick and concrete.
4. Moist soil attracts termites. Ensure drainage pipes from hot water systems, air conditioners, leaking taps etc are not dripping into the soil. Arrange to collect the water or plumb the outlet to drains.
5. Have an annual inspection and report by a licenced pest manager with a Bayer Timber Pest Inspection accreditation. Ensure the inspection is carried out according to the Australian Standard AS 3660 series or AS 4349. A "Termite check" is not a Timber Pest Inspection.
6. In a house with a concrete slab, where the exposed slab edge forms part of the physical termite barrier system, ensure the slab edge remains exposed as part of the inspection zone. If you intend to 'cover' the slab edge, contact your Bayer Accredited Timber Pest Inspector with whom you can discuss your situation.
7. With suspended floor homes, any material that termites eat must be kept away from the sub floor. This includes any wood, timber, paper and cardboard.
8. Ensure ventilation to the sub floor is not blocked. The venting allows air flow to keep the area dry and be less attractive to termites. It also reduces the likelihood of timber decay ("wood rot").
9. If you are building garden beds or retaining walls, and want to use timber, use CCA or similar treated timber which resists termite attack (and also timber decay).
10. If you see a termite mud tunnel leading into your house or anywhere on your property, resist the temptation to break it open and destroy it. All this will do is force the termites away to another area where you may not be able to detect them.
11. Contact a Bayer Accredited Timber Pest Inspector to inspect the area. He/she will be able to identify the termites, which will assist with a treatment method or determine whether the termites are a threat or not.



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