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Where do termites live?



Termites live in the ground, not in wood. Mature termite nests can contain 60,000 to 2,000,000 termites. They live in the ground because they don't like light, and they don't like dryness, so below ground is perfect. When they enter the structure looking for food, they make a "shelter tube" made of mud. They usually start eating the wood which is closest to the point of entry which is typically the sill plate (the first piece of wood above the concrete foundation). Then, they start spreading out.

Termites can do a lot of damage which can be expensive to repair. It's best to get an annual termite inspection so you catch them before there's too much damage. Fortunately, there are effective means of treatment. But, if you don't have it inspected, you will not know termites are active in your house. Termites can be inside of a wall, and you would never know it. When there is substantial termite damage on a 2 x 4, for example, you can poke a screwdriver right through it with ease.

Again, for the reasons above, it's best to get an annual termite inspection from a licensed exterminator. By the way, Safe Harbor Inspections is not an exterminator. However, we do termite inspections as part of a home inspection.

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