

Preparing for your Termite Fumigation



- 🏠 Water the soil up to 18 inches from the outer walls of your home to protect outdoor plants and shrubs.
- 🏠 Cut back foliage, shrubbery and landscaping at least 18 inches from the structure to allow room for the tarps.
- 🏠 Remember to make arrangements for overnight accommodations for you and your pets, as your home may be under fumigation for 24 to 48 hours.

The Day of Fumigation

- 🏠 Remove all plants from your home, including those on outdoor patios.
- 🏠 Remove mattresses that are completely enveloped in plastic, such as baby mattresses with waterproof covers, or remove the covers themselves.
- 🏠 Remove or double-bag any food, feed, drugs and medicinals in special Nylofume* bags your fumigator provides. You do not need to bag or remove items in plastic, glass, or metal bottles, cans or jars with the original manufacturer's airtight seal intact. A good rule of thumb is, "when in doubt, take it out."

Be sure to double-bag or remove these items:

- Chips, pasta, rice and other foods packaged in plastic bags
- Cereals, crackers and other foods packaged in cardboard boxes (even if the boxes have never been opened)
- Spices, salt and pepper shakers, and other items where the seal has been broken
- Eggs
- Ice, opened bottled drinking water
- Butter, cream cheese and any other items stored in a resealed container, including items stored in Tupperware containers
- Fruits and vegetables
- Bags of pet food and bird seed, as well as opened cans

You need not bag or remove these items:

- Unopened cans (including home-canned goods)
- Cosmetics, such as lipstick
- Unopened soda cans and glass bottles
- Shampoo, soaps and unopened toothpaste and mouthwash
- Unopened bottles of liquor and wine (stored horizontally)

🏠 Seal the Nylofume bags one at a time by twisting the tops, or folding down and sealing with tape, twisty ties, string or rubber bands. **DO NOT TIE BAGS IN A KNOT.** Your fumigator will provide special instructions on proper bagging procedures for you.

🏠 Double-bag cold and frozen foods and leave them in the refrigerator and freezer. Remove shelves from the refrigerator and freezer to make it easier to stack the bags inside.

🏠 Do a final walkthrough to make sure you've removed or double-bagged anything that will be ingested (medicine, spices, etc.).

🏠 Evacuate all people and pets from the structure.

If you have any questions about how to prepare your home for termite fumigation, please give us a call at (805) 527-8002.