

Pest Bio

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Subterranean Termite



Subterranean Termites are the most destructive termite there is, and they live right here in Idaho!

Each colony of subterranean termites consists of workers, soldiers and swarmers. Termite colonies easily gain entry through a house by a small crack of joints in the foundation. They enter a home by creating mud tubes along the foundation walls. Termites usually swarm at night, after a short flight they shed their wings and a pair of termites begin searching for a nesting site, most of the pairs die in search of a nesting site.

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DIET

Termites eat wood, wallpaper, fabric and plastics made from plants. They can create 100,000 to 1,000,000 termites that can forage up to 150 feet in search of food.

HABITAT

Subterranean Termites need to stay in contact with soil to survive. Due to this they either live underground or they build mud tunnels to reach food above ground.

BEHAVIOR

The workers create tunnels and gather food the soldiers defend the colony against invaders. Their enemies include ants and termites from other colonies.

Termite Facts:

Size: 1/8"

Shape: Long/Narrow

Color: Creamy white to Dark Brown/Black

Legs: 6

Wings: Yes (Swarmer Only)

Antenna: Yes

Scientific Name:

Kingdom:

-Animalia

Phylum:

-Arthropoda

Class:

-Insecta

Order:

-Isoptera

Family:

-Rhinotermitidae

Genus:

-Reticulitermes