

WOOD DESTROYING INSECTS

Watch for these conducive conditions to prevent an infestation

K=Debris Under or Around Structure



Increases the Chance of: Termites, Carpenter Ants, Harbors all insects, Wood Rot, Wood Boring Beetles, Carpenter Bees.

Remedies: Keep all debris away from the home, including bricks, stored wood, leaves & compost, Keep gutters

Q=Wood Pile in Contact with Structure



Increases the Chance of: Termites, Wood Boring Beetles, Carpenter Ants, Harbors other Insects.

Remedies: Keep all wood off the ground and as far away from the structure as possible.

O=Planter Box Abutting Structure



Increases the Chance of: Termites, Carpenter Ants, Fire Ants, Moisture Damage.

Remedies: Remove the Planter Box, or remove all the soil from the Planter Box and seal it - if possible, try not to put soil back into the Planter Box. Make sure Planter Box has holes at the bottom to drain water away from

R=Wooden Fence in Contact with Structure



Increases the Chance of: Termites, Carpenter Ants, Crawling Insects.

Remedies: Keep wood fence off structure or install a shield between the exterior veneer and fence. Try not to connect fence to the structure.

T=Insufficient Ventilation



Increases the Chance of: Termites, Wood Rot, Decay, Mold, Mildew, and all other Insects.

Remedies: Install or Increase the number of vents in the crawl space, Install a moisture barrier or moisture fans. Use sump pumps to keep water from standing under the structure. In attics, install proper ventilation (soffit vents, etc.).

N=Heavy Foliage



Increases the Chance of: Carpenter Ants, Spiders, Wood Rot.

Remedies: Keep all tree limbs trimmed back 4 feet from structure. Keep all shrubs/plants, vines, and crepe myrtles 18 inches to 2 feet off the structure.

G=Wood To Ground Contact



Increases the Chance of: Termites, Fire Ants, Wood Rot, and all other Ants.

Remedies: No siding, wood trim or form boards should be in contact with the ground.

M=Wood Rot



Increases the Chance of: Termites, Carpenter Ants, Carpenter Bees, Wood Boring Beetles, all other Insects.

Remedies: Remove/replace all rotted wood, caulk and seal; keep all exterior wood painted and sealed.

L=Footing too Low or Soil Line too High



Increases the Chance of: Termites, Fire Ants, Moisture Damage.

Remedies: Try to keep a minimum of 2 to 4 inches of foundation exposure around the home.

I=Form boards left in Place



Increases the Chance of: Termites, Carpenter Ants, Fire Ants.

Remedies: Remove foundation form boards so they don't rot out and replace with chalk or sand.

J=Excessive Moisture



Increases the Chance of: Termites, Carpenter Ants, and all other Insects.

Remedies: Fix all leaks; correct all negative drainage and/or standing water around home. All water and gutters should drain away from the foundation. Redirect sprinklers from spraying on the house.



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