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3 Types of Termites and How to Deal With Them

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Since there are three different types of termites found in the Bay Area, it's a good idea to know how to identify and deal with each.

1. Dampwood termites

If you find dampwood termites in your home, there's good news and bad news. The good news: since they only eat damp, rotten wood, they're actually doing you a favor. The bad news: damp, rotten wood means there's some kind of leak in your home. Once you've fixed the leak and removed the rot, the termites will go away of their own accord.

2. Drywood termites

One of the most effective ways to deal with drywood termites is to apply a non-repellant termiticide. The termites mistake the treatment material for food and carry it back to their nest, where it acts like a deadly virus that spreads throughout the colony, resulting in a complete eradication.

3. Subterranean termites

These termites are so-called because they come from underneath the ground and enter garages and basements through cracks in a home's concrete foundation. The best treatment option for subterranean termites is monitoring and baiting—it'll draw them away from the house and minimize the need for interior chemical treatment.



Unlike drywood and subterranean varieties, dampwood termites don't represent a threat to your home, since they only eat damp, rotten wood. Photo: Leading Edge Pest Management (2015)



If you discover a termite infestation in your home, you'll need to identify the species in order to ensure an effective treatment. Photo: Leading Edge Pest Management (2015)



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