



TERMITES SIGNS & DAMAGE



One of the simplest ways to inspect for termites is if you have an unfinished basement. Look around for “mud tubes”, that climb up from the base of floor. These tubes protect the termites as they come to the surface, as they don’t like sunlight. These tubes are formed from a gritty sand-like substance.



Wood beams in the basement can have visible damage at times. If you feel “soft” or hear “hollow” wood once you tap on it, that’s a sign.



In spring, it’s termite swarming season, when termites leave the colony to go start a new colony. You’ll see hundreds of these fly at once.



If you discover a pile of wings in a concentrated area, it is an obvious sign that termite swarms were there, therefore you have termites.



Exterior structures, where the wood is consistently unprotected from the weather, tends to retain moisture in the wood panels. This is typically less dense wood, again being perfect conditions for termites to invade.