

TERMITE

INFESTATION IN MALAYSIA

Termites are often cited as the silent destroyers for their destructive abilities. Check out the interesting facts about this tiny creature and learn why termites find your home to be particularly appetising.

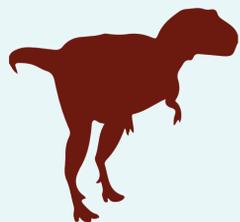
FACTS



Termites feed on anything that contains **cellulose (wood)**.⁽¹⁾



Termite workers are always eating **24 hours a day**.⁽¹⁾



The earliest termite specimen dates back to the **Cretaceous period**.⁽³⁾



If there's a threat, termite soldiers will **bang their heads on the wall** to send warning signs to other termites.⁽⁴⁾

POTENTIAL HOTSPOTS IN YOUR HOME

BEDROOM

Spongy Floor

- **Timber floorings** are termite food source to build their colony.
- They **eat the floors from the inside out**, which can cause the floor to collapse.
- They can also **easily spread** to other areas of your home.

KITCHEN

Plumbing Leaks

- **Moisture caused by plumbing leaks** and other available food sources in your kitchen will attract termites to the area.

LIVING ROOM

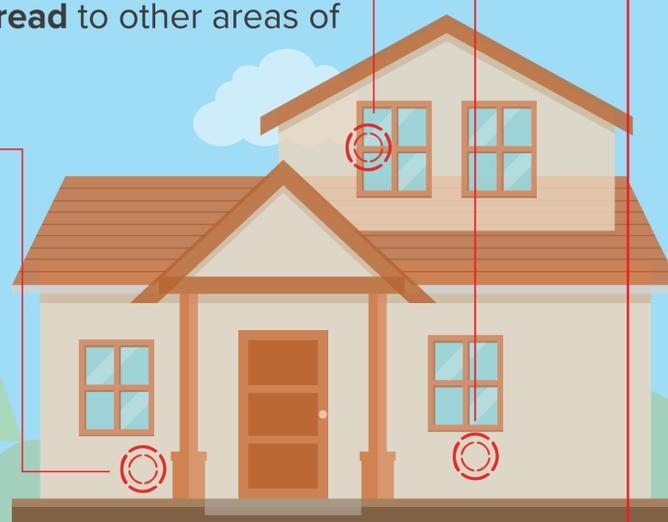
Wooden Flooring

- Good source of food.
- **Easy access** for subterranean termites when close to the ground.

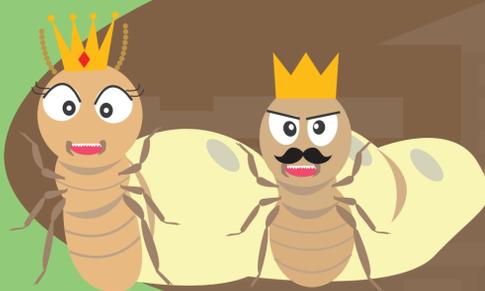
GARDEN

Garden Mulch

- Mulch such as decaying leaves, bark or compost **keep in moisture very well**, which termites are attracted to.
- It also provides them with an **ideal food source**.



TERMITE CASTE



KING & QUEEN

Mate and produce

- Function of the Queen and King in the termite colony is to **reproduce**.⁽²⁾



WORKERS

The 'doers'

- The workers make up the **largest number** within a colony.
- They represent as the **sole feeder** of the colony.⁽²⁾



SOLDIERS

The colony's defence

- Soldiers **defend the colony** against attack by predatory enemies such as ants.
- They are equipped with large jaws, sticky fluids or chemical spray to do so.⁽²⁾



ALATES

The future Queens & Kings

- Alates are the **winged reproductives**.
- They swarm out from the nest and **establish new colonies**.⁽²⁾