

# TERMITES

## MAINTENANCE TIPS

- To inspect for termites, check the perimeter of your home where the walls meet the foundation. Termites leave small tubes made of earth or mud in an attempt to climb up to the wood above the foundation. Search the sides of your footing walls for the earthen tubes which termites build to reach the wood above the foundation, and use the blade of the jackknife to test wood for soundness. If you suspect the presence of termites, call our Customer Care Department.
- Termite treatment consists of constructing a chemical barrier in the dirt against the foundation of your home. Pre-treatment is done before concrete slabs and stoops are poured. This area should not be disturbed, as it may compromise the chemical barrier. Please restrict any planting around the perimeter of the home to no closer than 24" from the house, as continued watering will break down the barrier.

## TERMITE PROTECTION SUGGESTIONS

The ground under your home and around the immediate perimeter of the foundation has been treated with a chemical to establish a barrier against termites. It is crucial to maintain the integrity of the termite protection around your home. **PREVENT THIS BARRIER FROM BEING BROKEN** to avoid a possible termite infestation. Be aware of the following situations that can break or bypass this barrier:

**Digging:** Any digging within two feet of the foundation for sprinkler plumbing, planting of shrubs, etc.

**Construction:** Any work (such as a room addition or sidewalk, etc.) which involves pouring of concrete against the original foundation.

**Planters:** A planter built against the side of a house can bypass the existing chemical barrier.

**Moisture:** Any consistent moisture source near the foundation can attract termites and may cause the chemical barrier to break down faster. Planters next to the foundation, or faulty grading which does not allow water to flow away from the house, can also contribute to this problem.

In the event your chemical barrier is disturbed in any way, it is imperative that it is reestablished. This work must be performed by the original pre-treatment company at the homeowner's expense, or risk cancellation of the warranty.