



It's termite season! Protect your home.

Corky's Pest Control works to educate homeowners of termite threats and offers prevention tips.

San Diego, CA, March 12, 2017 – [Corky's Pest Control](#) along with the [National Pest Management Association](#) (NPMA) are pleased to be educating homeowners during Termite Awareness Week, March 12-18, 2017 on termite prevention, detection and treatment.

As spring approaches, termites seek out moisture-damaged homes and can quickly chew through wood, flooring and even wallpaper undetected. Termites can feed 24-hours a day, seven days a week. Once a colony is established, the damage they cause can be quite severe. According to the NPMA, termite infestations cause more than \$5 billion in property damage each year — an expense typically not covered by homeowners insurance.

“Termites emerge in swarms with the arrival of warmer weather, after spring rains. These winged insects are the first visual sign of an impending infestation,” said Corky Mizer, CEO. “Once termites have infested a house they continue to cause damage until treated.” Southern California homeowners should remain vigilant and routinely inspect the foundation areas of the home for signs of termites, including mud tubes and soft wood that sounds hollow when tapped.”

Corky's offers the following termite prevention tips:

- Divert water away from your home's foundation by installing properly functioning downspouts, gutters and splash blocks.
- Reduce humidity in crawl spaces with proper ventilation.
- Trim vines, hedges and other vegetation to prevent them from blocking vents.
- Remove old form boards, grade stakes, tree trunks and roots near a building, as they may attract termites.
- Maintain an 18-inch gap between soil and any wood portions of your home.
- Store firewood at least 20 feet away from the house and 5 inches off the ground. Check it for pests before bringing it indoors.
- Routinely inspect the foundation of your home for signs of termite damage.

“Homeowners who notice signs of termites should contact a pest professional who can best determine the extent of the problem and recommend a proper treatment plan,” added Mizer.

For more information on termites, please visit www.corkyspest.com.

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About Corkys: Corky's Pest Control is an industry leader proud to be celebrating 50 years of residential and commercial pest control service in Southern California. The company services most pest infestations specializing in ants and spiders, termites, rats, gophers, bed bugs, fleas, fruit flies and cockroaches. For more information about the company and services please visit corkyspest.com.

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