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News Panel

*Payment plans are now available with the Exterra Baiting and Monitoring termite management system. A \$250,000 timber replacement warranty may also be available for your home or dwelling. Please [email us here](#) for more information or see the [Exterra Brochure](#)

*A recent update has been made to AS 3660 – all reticulation systems must now display their relative pressure for re-charging on the certificate of treatment.

*Termites and ants live side by side, with ants regularly leaving termites alive so they can raid them later, this gives ants a consistent food supply.

The Differences in Termiticides.

We're not going to write about the different brands of products that are on the market.

There's something far more crucial you should know about and it is to do with when a homeowner receives a quote for a chemical termite management system.

It is the difference between REPELLENT and NON – REPELLENT chemicals in the soil.

Basically, a REPELLENT that is commonly used for termite management is BIFENTHRIN. We understand it is an effective termiticide, but should only be used when a new building is being constructed. On the other hand, on all post – construction homes, (existing homes) only NON – REPELLENTS such as FIPRONIL, IMIDACLOPRID or relative newcomer CHLORANTRANILIPROLE should be used.

The reason the difference is so important? It is because with a REPELLENT in the soil, the termites simply “bounce” from it, ie the termites do not die. The chemical in the soil must also be absolutely continuous. It is for this reason that it is suitable only for use on pre-construction homes (as long as it is topped up when required, usually via reticulation pipe in the ground). As for post construction homes, it is considered best practice for NON-REPELLENTS to be used when installing a chemical termite management system. These chemicals will kill termites that travel through the soil, because they cannot detect that the treatment is within it, whereas the REPELLENTS do not kill the termites but simply repel them, leaving them to potentially find a new way to get in.

As you might imagine the repellents are much cheaper than the non-repellents, so this is an important factor for any homeowner to consider when accepting their quote. Always check to see what the chemicals in the quote are, whether they be bifenthrin, fipronil, imidacloprid, chlorantraniliprole or others. We hope this helps, please [email us here](#) or call 1300 839 916 if you have any questions or just need to clarify anything.

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