

1. Keep the soil around the foundation dry through proper grading and drainage, including maintenance of gutters and downspouts.



Reduce openings that offer termites access to the structure; fill cracks in cement foundations as well as around where utilities pass through the wall with cement, grout, or caulk.



3. Ensure that trees and shrubs are not planted too close to the home and do not allow them to grow against exposed wood surfaces.



4. Fix leaks immediately.



Summer may be high season for insects, but nothing can wreak havoc on your home quite like a year-round pest: termites. If you are trying to

sell, the discovery of an active termite infestation can stop a home sale dead in its tracks. Here are seven ways you can prevent a termite invasion.

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5. Inspect periodically to help ensure that termite colonies do not become established.



6. Do not pile or store firewood or wood debris next to your house.

7. Keep vents free

from blockage, including plants.



