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Topic: Five Types of Termites in Texas

Termites have a place in the ecosystem where they play an important role in helping to turn dead trees into nutrient-rich soil. Unfortunately, termites are just as happy to devour your home as a tree in the forest. In fact, termites cause millions of dollars of damage to homes each and every year. While most people know to be wary of termites, many may not realize that there are at least five destructive types of termites that can be found in Texas, [according to Termite.com](#).

Eastern Subterranean Termites

Eastern subterranean termites are the most common termite in the U.S. These termites are found throughout most of the country and as far north as Ontario, Canada, though they are typically not found in the far western states. Eastern subterranean termites prefer to eat out the inside of wood, leaving a hollow shell that somewhat resembles a honeycomb. These termites build their colony nest underground so they are usually out of sight. They do, however, construct shelter tubes from mud to allow them to move between the nest and above-ground timber (like your home).

Arid-Land Subterranean Termites

Arid-land subterranean termites are found throughout the Western half of the country, with a range as far east as Iowa and Mississippi. These termites are most commonly found in very dry conditions, like desert and prairie areas, though they can also be found in other regions. In the desert environment, arid-land subterranean termites will invade greasewood and creosote bushes, along with any inviting timber structures.

Desert Dampwood Termites

Desert dampwood termites prefer the semi-arid and arid environment of the Southwest U.S., including parts of Texas, New Mexico and Arizona. These termites only infest wood that is found below or at ground level, including trees and utility poles. Unlike other kinds of termites, desert dampwood termites do not build mud tunnels above ground like other termites.

Western Drywood Termites

Western drywood termites are found throughout the Southwest, and range as far north as Colorado and northern California. These termites live in dry timber with a low moisture content. Western drywood termites are most commonly transported inadvertently by people while moving wood that contains the termites. These pests eat across the grain of timber and create galleries that are connected by tunnels.

Formosan Subterranean Termites

Formosan subterranean termites are an imported pest that came to the United States from China. Found throughout the Southeastern U.S. from Texas to Florida, these are the most destructive timber pests in the country. Formosan subterranean termites are so destructive that they can cause significant structural damage to buildings within a matter of months. Timber that has been infested by these termites may have hollow layers that are packed with soil.