FACTS

• Formosan termite damage is $1 Billion a year in the United States!

• Native to Taiwan and China, not native to Florida.

• An invasive subterranean termite with underground “hidden” habits.

• Will eat anything containing cellulose including:
  » Plants, Trees, Paper, Wood Construction

• Form carton nests and foraging tubes in trees and structures.

• Needs and thrives on MOISTURE!

COLONIES

• Formosan termite colonies may contain up to 1 million individuals.

• Have a caste systems that include workers, queens, and soldiers.

• Homeowners may see the winged reproductive termites (alates) swarm from May to July. They are attracted to lights at dusk when weather is calm, humid, and warm.

• Once mature, queens can lay up to 3,000 eggs a day!

• Soldiers comprise up to 20% of the colony (only 2% in native subterranean) which can help in identification.
WHAT YOU CAN DO

• Have annual inspections conducted by a licensed Pest Control Company.
• Extend gutter and drainage systems at least one foot away from homes.
• No landscaping or woodpiles within one foot of the home foundation.
• Do not remove or disturb treated soil directly around home foundation.
• Direct sprinklers away from the home.
• Repair cracks and holes in foundation and around the exterior of the home.
  » 3/64\text{th} of an inch is all that’s needed for a termite to invade!
  » Stucco and exposed wood should be 6 inches from the soil line.
• Repair any leaks in and around the home immediately, especially check around windows and plumbing.

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