



VILLAGE VOICES

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Vacation Village Condominium Association Newsletter

Vacation Village says **Congratulations** to Abby and Michael

Abby and Michael were married on June 1, 2019. Let's all wish them good luck as they continue their journey together as husband and wife.



We met in August of 2014 and almost instantly became friends. Although it took a while for us to realize there was more to us, during that time we got to know each other as just two regular friends. We weren't trying to be perfect or only trying to show the best of us. We were simply being ourselves. Flaws and everything. So when we did realize we were gonna take the leap to the next level we knew a whole lot about each other! Lol... But that has actually been great in our relationship. And that's our (very condensed version) story. Just a boy and a girl that were very good friends and somewhere along the way fell in love.

New look for the tennis, basketball and shuffle board courts

The Board of Directors approved the renovation of the sports courts. WOW what a nice look for the property. We have added pickleball court lines to the tennis courts.



Next Board Meeting

Budget Workshop: Friday, September 27 at 5:00 pm

Board of Directors' Meeting : Saturday, September 28 at 10:00 am

To help us protect your home, we need your help.

The next three pages gives detail information about drywood termites. If you notice any signs of dry termites please contact

DRYWOOD TERMITES

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DESCRIPTION, HABITS & CHARACTERISTICS

Drywood termites do not live in the ground like subterranean termites. Instead, drywood termite colonies live in the wood they eat. Colonies are composed of kings, queens and soldiers. There is no worker caste as in subterranean colonies. Immature termites (nymphs) provide food, shelter and moisture to the colony before developing into adult reproductives. King and queen termites are responsible for reproduction in the colony while soldier termites protect the colony from invaders, such as ants. Winged reproductives (called alates) fly into structures and work their way into the wood that they have chosen for a nest. They lay eggs in the wood and the colony begins to grow.

Although more common along the coastal areas, drywood termites are found throughout the Southeast. They feed on cellulose, just like subterranean termites. Infestations may be found in almost any product containing cellulose, most commonly in the wood framing of a building and in furniture. They typically first infest exposed wood such as window and doorframes, trim boards, eaves, attics and crawl spaces. Drywood termites remain hidden in the wood on which they are feeding so they are seldom seen. Drywood termites require very little moisture to survive.

Drywood termites excrete pellets of partially digested wood. Pellets are hard, less than 1/32" elongated, oval shaped and have 6 concave sides. The pellets are pushed out of galleries where the termites are feeding and are found on surfaces beneath the infested wood. They may look like little piles of coffee grains. If you look directly above the piles of pellets you will see little holes made by the termites to 'kick' the pellets out of the galleries.

At certain times during the year, king and queen termites with wings will emerge from the colony and take flight. The purpose of these flights is to establish new colonies. Swarming takes place at night, primarily from March to mid-August.

WHY YOU SHOULD BE CONCERNED

Although drywood termite colonies are smaller than those of subterranean termites they can still do substantial damage to your home. Often this damage is done in attics and crawl spaces and can go unnoticed for

long periods of time. Drywood termites can enter under siding, through wood shingles, or between and underneath shingles and sheathing. Drywood termites can also be found in wood furniture that has been brought into your home and in time can spread to other areas of the house.

If you have a termite infestation DON'T PANIC! Termites work slowly and the structure will not be extensively damaged overnight. It is, however, important to take care of the problem in a timely manner because termites will continue to eat the wood in your home 24 hours a day, every day.

WHAT MASSEY SERVICES WILL DO

A trained professional should inspect your home. They can recognize the subtle evidence of termite infestation. The most successful control of drywood termites is fumigation. The entire building is covered tightly with a gas-tight cover. A gas fumigant is introduced into the structure. This gas penetrates cracks, crevices and pores in wood to kill the termites.

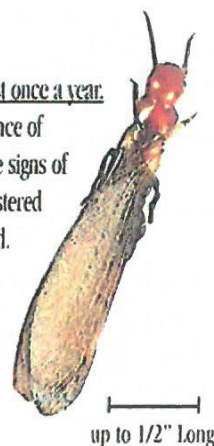
Exposed wood can also be treated to prevent future infestations.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

Have your home professionally inspected at least once a year.

Be on the lookout for signs of infestation. Evidence of swarming termites, termite wings and pellets are signs of an existing infestation. Damaged wood has a blistered appearance and pellets will flow out if punctured.

Check wood furniture, picture frames, etc. for holes and pellets before bringing them into your house. Keep a continuous coat of paint or varnish on all outside wood surfaces and keep all cracks and joints tightly caulked.



Although drywood termite infestations are not as common as subterranean termite infestations, homes that are infested can accumulate thousands of dollars in damage repair costs.

6 THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT:
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1. Live and feed entirely in dry sound wood.

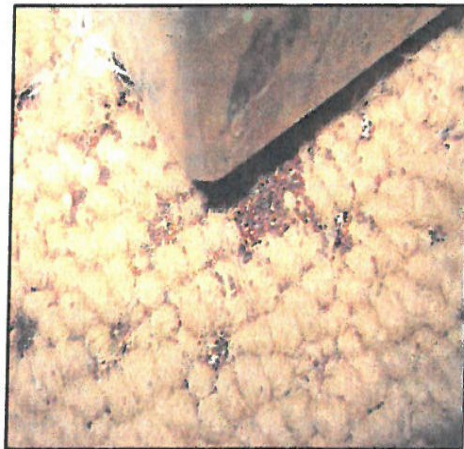
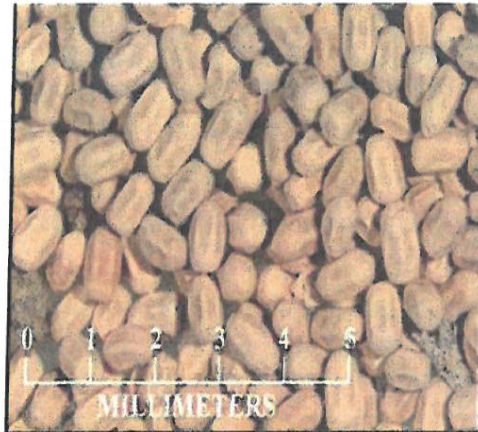
- Drywood termites have no contact with the ground. Colonies live entirely within a piece of sound, dry wood.
- Termites are animals and need food, water, and shelter to survive. Their food and shelter is the wood and they live off the natural moisture in the wood. They do not need an additional moisture source, such as a roof leak.
- Limited space and resources prevent them from rapid growth like subterranean colonies. So, colonies are small compared to subterranean termites. A mature colony can have a few thousand termites.
- Multiple colonies can and usually do infest a structure at the same time. It's important to inspect the entire structure after one colony is found.

2. Swarm between dusk and dawn.

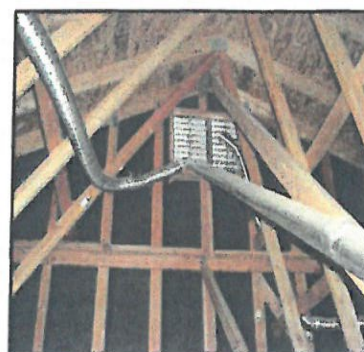
- Swarms occur in the evenings all year long, but the peak swarming time is March through May.
- Termites are weak fliers and tend to flutter about on the wind as much as actively fly. It is likely that they will not stray too far from the original colony in their dispersal flights.
- When alates land, they twist off their wings, find a mate and burrow into a suitable location in the wood such as a knothole or crevice and mate.
- They can easily spread through an attic or crawl space unnoticed.
- If swarmer and wings are found throughout an attic – they've probably been there a long time.

3. Push fecal pellets out of "kick-out" holes.

- Drywood termites have several adaptations for conserving as much water as possible.
 - Three pairs of rectal glands compress their feces to remove and retain all water possible before waste excretion.
 - This results in hexagonal fecal pellets (frass).
- The pellets are small and feel like grains of coarse sand when rubbed between the fingers.
- These six-sided pellets are pushed out of the galleries through small holes and are usually found in small piles under the infested wood.
 - Tight pile – hole is close by.
 - Scattered pellets – hole is further away.
 - Pellets can be any color depending on what they have been eating.
 - Last an extremely long time, even after treatment.
- You must use a magnifier to correctly identify drywood termite fecal pellets. **Do not assume you have pellets without confirming under magnification.**



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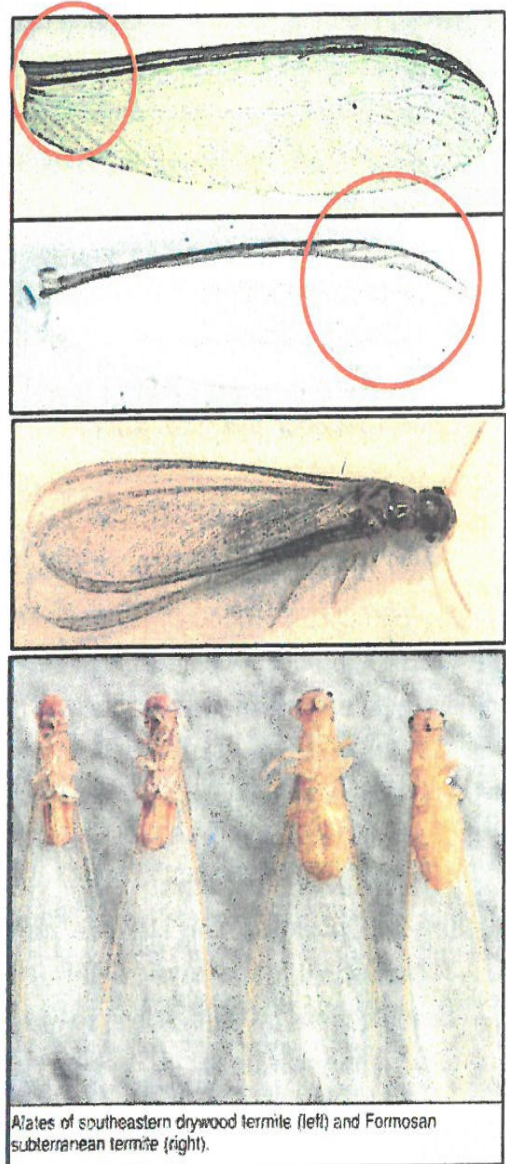
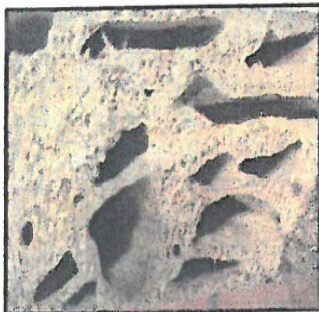
6. Drywood termites are difficult to control with Spot Treatments only.

- Fumigation is typically the best treatment for drywood termite infestations. 100% of the structure is treated and %100 of the infestations will be killed whether known or hidden.
- There can be multiple drywood termite colonies in the structure and sometimes, even in the same wood.
- For a Spot Treatment to succeed, our products (Termidor Dry or Termidor foam) must go into the galleries where the termites are living and feeding.
- A topical spray with a borate has little chance for successfully eliminating a drywood termite infestation from a structure and should never be used as the only method of treatment.
- Drywood termites will not always move between two abutting wood members, so treating one wood member will not necessarily kill the termites in the abutting wood.
- Do not foam wall voids for drywood termites. The termites are in the wood and the foam will have little to no chance of solving the problem.

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4. Identification.

- Always use a magnifier
- Alates
 - Medium to pale brown and typically about 3/8-inch long.
 - The wings have three sclerotized (hardened and thickened) veins along the edge of the wing that are most visible in the third of the wing closest to the body.
 - There are smaller "cross" veins between the longer veins most visible towards the end of the wing.
 - Subterranean termites have two hardened, darker veins and no "cross veins".
- **DRYWOOD TERMITE ALATES CAN EASILY BE CONFUSED WITH FORMOSAN TERMITE ALATES!**
 - Both are brown.
 - Swarm seasons and times overlap.
 - Drywood – 3 veins and cross veins.
 - Formosan – 2 veins, no cross veins, and hairs.
- Damage
 - Eat the soft springwood and the hard summerwood.
 - Eat across the grain.
 - Galleries wide, clean (no dirt) and very smooth.



Alates of southeastern drywood termite (left) and Formosan subterranean termite (right).

5. Inspection.

- Often, the only obvious signs of infestation are little mounds of fecal pellets building up underneath the infested wood or the appearance of "kick-out" holes in the surface of the wood.
- Look for blistering paint, wings, dead alates.
- Check the attic. Inspect the wood;
 - Around chimneys and skylights, under gable vents, around ridge vents and stacks going through the roof.
- Exterior – Inspect and tap on siding and trim. Look up at fascia boards and soffits.
- Interior – cabinets, baseboards, furniture (in the drawers and around the legs).



Plan Ahead

September 2019 festivals in Florida

Sing Out Loud Music Festival, Weekends, 2019 St. Augustine. Anchored by Grammy award-winning country music artist Kacey Musgraves, the festival, now in its fourth year, will also feature headliners St. Paul & The Broken Bones, Jenny Lewis, Kurt Vile, Shovels & Rope, The Dirty Dozen Brass Band and more and will take place at various venues around St. Augustine between Sept 6 and 29 .

Seafood Festival, Sept. 27-29, 2019, Pensacola. The Pensacola Seafood Festival is held in downtown Pensacola’s historic Seville Square and features fresh local seafood from the Gulf of Mexico served tapas-style by 18 food vendors.

October 2019 festivals in Florida

Oktoberfest, Oct. 11-13 and 18-20, 2019, Lantana
There are Oktoberfest celebrations all around Florida, but this one is celebrating its 46th year and draws more than 35,000 visitors for live music, dancers, food, beer and entertainment.

Mount Dora Bicycle Festival, Oct. 3-6, 2019, Mount Dora
More than 1,000 bicyclists converge and participate in rural rides of varying length. Florida Rambler story on the

Cedar Key Seafood Festival, Oct. 19-20, 2019, Cedar Key

Key West Fantasy Fest, Oct. 18-27, 2019, Key West
This famous and wild festival celebrates its 40th anniversary in 2019. Events culminate in the annual elaborate costume parade.

November 2019 festivals in Florida

Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show, Oct. 30-Nov. 3, 2019, Fort Lauderdale
From super-yachts to inflatables to exotic cars. Show is in six locations over 3 million square feet of space with shuttles, water taxis, and riverboats connecting it all. Tickets start at \$34.

Seminoles’ American Indian Arts Celebration, November 1-2, 2019, Clewiston
The festival offers tradition — fry bread, alligator wrestling and Seminole crafts — but also celebrates the diversity of native cultures with entertainers brought in from other tribes.

Micanopy Fall Festival, Nov. 2-3, 2019, Micanopy
Charming Old Florida town near Gainesville attracts 200 arts and crafts vendors with music under a canopy of live oak trees on a historic main street. Florida Rambler story on

34th Annual Downtown Gainesville Festival & Art Show, Nov. 16-17, 2019, Gainesville

The historic downtown streets are filled with live music, performing arts, the works of 240 artists and an array of food, attracting 100,000 attendees.

Miami Book Fair, Nov. 17-24, 2019, Miami

More than 450 top-tier authors read and discuss their work at one of the best book fairs in the nation. During Street Fair weekend, Nov. 22-24, more than 250 publishers and booksellers exhibit and sell books, with special features like the antiquarians, who showcase signed first editions, original manuscripts and other collectibles. Live music accompanies the street fair.

Yankeetown Art and Crafts and Seafood Festival, Nov. 23-24, 2019, (always the weekend before Thanksgiving) Yankeetown