

THE CRAWLING REPORT



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SEASONAL FEATURED SERVICE

Springing into action... Subterranean Termites!

Have you ever wondered why some animals and insects came into existence and what, if any, benefit they might serve in nature? When many folks think of subterranean termites, they think of an insect that can damage or literally destroy the very home that they live in. On the other hand, in a natural environment, subterranean termites help convert dead and dying trees back into soil that benefits other plant life through the release of converted nutrients.

Subterranean termites have a social system similar to ants and other groups of insects that work together for the benefit of the entire colony. This colony is made up of individuals that have different duties that they provide for the benefit of all of their relatives in the colony. For example, the worker caste of subterranean termites forage for food and share it with other family members. They have moderate sized mandibles (jaws) and make up the majority of the individuals in any given termite colony. The workers provide all of the tunnel construction in foraging for their food, which is cellulose (wood). On the other hand, the soldier caste of termites have enlarged mandibles and use these for the protection of the colony in situations such as ants attacking and trying to feed upon foraging termites.

Subterranean termites are often referred to as cryptic insects. This means that they are hard to detect due to their nature of living beneath the soil and in wood. Subterranean termites will use soil mixed with body secretions for the construction of shelter tubes used for travel and foraging for cellulose food sources. These shelter tubes help provide protection against attack from termite predators and moisture loss within the colony.

Subterranean termite colonies are typically started from a mated pair of reproductive termites. The reproductive termites (alates) will swarm out in very large numbers, often as spring weather warms the soil. This emergence of large numbers of termites inside or against the exterior of a home may often be the first warning to a home owner that termites may be present in, beneath, or against their homes. Winged reproductive termites are typically weak fliers and are carried by the wind away from the colony from where they were born and matured. Once the reproductive termites land on the soil they will shed their wings and begin the process of locating a mate and begin to establish a new colony. If left to establish a colony at or near a manmade structure containing cellulose (wood), it is very likely that termites will eventually begin feeding on it and termite damage will occur if no preventive or corrective control measures have been implemented.



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SPECIALTY SERVICE

Need help in protecting your home from subterranean termites?

At McNeely Pest Control, our staff is thoroughly trained to provide preventive inspections around, in, and beneath homes for the presence of subterranean termites. McNeely Pest Control also provides corrective and preventive programs utilizing the Sentricon Termite Colony Elimination Baiting System. This service is also a part of our Advanced Home Protection service programs. For more information of subterranean termite protection or any of our available services contact us today at info@mcneelypest.com or call us toll free at **1-855-671-7855**.

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EMPLOYEES OF THE MONTH



OCTOBER
PJ BARNEY



NOVEMBER
JUAN MENDIATA

TESTIMONIALS

"Our service technician is terrific and does an excellent job!"— JS

"I would like to let you know that Bill does an outstanding job at my home, is very thorough and goes above and beyond in his service."— AR

"I'm always pleased with the service I get from my McNeely rep, Michael Smith. I have no complaints!"— JC

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Fun Facts

A mature colony of subterranean termites can entirely consume the equivalent of a one-foot section of 2" x 4" wooden boards every six months.

A mature colony of Eastern Subterranean Termites can contain 60,000 or more individuals. The non-native Formosan termites can have mature colonies containing over 300,000 individuals.

Reproductive termites are often confused with winged reproductive ants. The three distinguishing differences of the reproductive are: ants have one set of long and one set of short wings and termites have two sets of equal sized wings, ants have L shaped antennae and termites have straight antennae, ants have a narrow waist and termites have a straight body form.

It is common for reproductive termites to fly into windows or lights inside a structure. If this occurs, it is common to see an accumulation of loose wings present that were lost during reproduction. Reproductive ants tend to retain their wings much longer than termites.

Subterranean termites have "animal life" called protozoans living in their gut that actually consume the chewed-up cellulose particles and convert them to sugars and starches that can then be digested by the termites. This "symbiotic relationship" is beneficial to both the termites and the protozoans because neither would survive without the presence of the other.

PLANNING AHEAD

Just a friendly reminder, warm weather is just around the corner. McNeely Pest Control can help make this time with your family, friends and pets more enjoyable. Please call our toll free number **(1-855-671-7855)** and schedule your mosquito protection plan treatment today.

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