



## Conditions conducive to Termite attack

1. **Filled areas.** (Soil and builder's rubble under patios and verandas often contain concealed waste timber products)
2. **Concrete slab on ground.** (Termites remain concealed under the slab floor. Unknown entry points through slab cracks, joins and plumbing fittings)
3. **Tree stumps.** (Often covered in garden beds or left in ground after tree felling)
4. **Low Clearance Sub floor.** (Low subfloor areas under the home prevent physical access for inspection and termite entry points are concealed. Ducted heating restricts physical access and visual inspection.)
5. **Damp areas. Poorly ventilated areas.** (Termites attracted by fungal growth in damp soils).
6. **Formwork timbers left in place after construction.** (Timber below ground level in garden beds attracts foraging termites).
7. **Timber retaining walls. Garden sleepers.** (Too close to home attracts foraging worker termites. Possible nesting sites. Large food source).
8. **Leaking pipes gutters and down pipes, as well as garden sprinklers directed toward home.** (Damp soils around the home attract Termites)
9. **Damp timber caused by leaking pipes.** (Fungal growth attracts termites).
10. **Garden beds covering the slab edge.** (Allows easy access for termites, concealed entry).
11. **Concrete paths built over the edge of the slab.** (Hidden termite entry points into the home).
12. **Weep holes blocked or covered up in brickwork along the slab edge.** (Termites entry points).
13. **Timber offcuts left under the home.** (Termites attracted to timbers by odour, decay and large food supply).
14. **Trees and tree stumps within 50m of home.** (Termites nest in trees/stumps and can forage up to 50m from the nest.)
15. **Timber stumps.** These should have ant caps installed to force termites into the open for easy detection.
16. **Adjoining properties and zero lot lines.** Party walls and zero lot lines restrict access for inspection as well as allow termites undetected entry from neighbour's building.

**Remember:** A few simple changes to the environment close to the building may deter termite attack. For example a hot water service pressure relief valve constantly dripping into the soil. Termites LOVE moisture!