



# DRYWOOD TERMITE INFO SHEET

## **FAST FACTS**

- Termites have been around since the time of the dinosaurs!
- Termite colonies eat non-stop — 24 hours a day, seven days a week!
- Termites cause up to \$2 *billion* of damages per year!
- The total weight of all of the termites in the world is more than the weight of all the humans in the world.

## **General Information**

Drywood termites form colonies of up to 2,500 members. Unlike Subterranean Termites colonies, Drywood Termite colonies don't have workers. Young termites called "false workers" do all the work for the colony.

<b>Size</b>	3/8" to 1"	<b>Common Name</b>	Drywood Termites
<b>Shape</b>	Long, narrow, oval	<b>Kingdom</b>	Animalia
<b>Color</b>	Light brown	<b>Phylum</b>	Arthropoda
<b>Legs</b>	6	<b>Class</b>	Insecta
<b>Wings</b>	Yes	<b>Order</b>	Isoptera
<b>Antenna</b>	Yes	<b>Family</b>	Kalotermitidae
		<b>Genus Species</b>	Various

## **Diet**

Termites eat wood, wallpaper, plastics and fabric made from plants.

## **Habitat**

Drywood Termite colonies are usually found in dry wood and they do not require moisture or contact with the soil.

## **Impact**

Drywood termites can build nests and dig tunnels in buildings. These tunnels cause major damage because the wooden support beams can become weak and make the building lean or fall down.

## **Prevention**

- \* Make sure firewood and scrap wood is stored away from your house.
- \* Buy any firewood from established source that you know is free of termites.
- \* Seal all cracks and crevices around the outside of your home.

To learn more about this and other termites, visit <http://www.pestworldforkids.org/termites.html>