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**Termites!** They're strong, they're industrious, they live underground, and they're one of nature's best cleanup crews. Unfortunately, when they eat your house, they're no longer welcome.

If we're treating your home for termites, we're either doing a localized treatment or a complete treatment. With a localized treatment, we'll need wall access all around the area we're treating. With a complete treatment, we need access around the whole basement. This means at least 3' from the walls.

To help you prepare for our arrival, here are a few things that will help make our treatment more effective:

#### **INSIDE:**

- Clear at least 3' of wall access where we'll be treating.
- Pull back the carpeting from the tack strip. If it's glued down, we may have to drill through it.
- If you have tile, we'll try to drill in grouted areas. With laminate, you may need to replace the squares we drill through. There will be a 7/8" patched hole, so you may also be able to match the color with putty.

#### **OUTSIDE:**

- Clean up toys and tools next to the house.
- If you have edible plants within 3 – 4' of the side of the structure, plan on removing them.
- Make sure we have access under porches and the access to the crawl space is clear and free of debris. Yank off siding if you need to. Some of us are big and need extra space for equipment, too.
- Move all—yes, all—wood away from the side of the house. Don't leave firewood, sticks of wood, or anything else by the house.
- Remove all branches, rose bushes, grass, etc. touching the house.