



Archicentre, the building advisory service of the Royal Australian Institute of Architects, estimates as many as 650,000 homes (or approximately 7.6%) across Australia have experienced termite damage which will cost an estimated \$3.9 billion to repair. So what can we, as home owners, do to protect our homes?

Archicentre report the average cost of termite treatment by a pest control company is around \$1,500 and the average cost to repair any damage done is around \$4,500, so it can pay to ensure your home is termite protected before any damage is done.

Ways to help keep your home termite free:

- Do not store timber or firewood under homes
- Do not stack wood against walls of your home
- Don't raise garden beds and pile soil against house walls
- Don't allow moisture to accumulate near house foundations
- Reduce humidity in crawl spaces by providing adequate ventilation
- Use decorative wood chips and mulch sparingly

If you are currently doing any of the above, think about making a change. These activities can provide an easy path for termites to get into your home, which could result in severe damage and substantial repair costs.

It's also a good idea to check your home regularly for any signs of termite activity. Signs can include holes appearing in architraves and skirting boards, piles of fine dust on the floor, spongy timber or visual deterioration of timber eaves or floor joists.

If you do notice any change in the timber around your home, contact a registered pest inspector and arrange for a complete termite check up. Many companies offer an initial inspection for free.

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