

In addition to the work performed by your fumigator, you will need to help prepare your home for the fumigation.

This timeline is to be used as a guideline and may vary based on your location and pest management service. It is the responsibility of the homeowner to have all tasks on this checklist done before the crew arrives. Failure to do so may postpone the fumigation. Confirm necessary activities and timing with your pest management professional.

## As soon as possible

- ☐ Make accommodation arrangements for family and pets.
- ☐ Block areas where pets might hide in/under structures.
- ☐ Schedule shut-off and post-fumigation restoration of your gas service at least 48 hours in advance.\*  
In some areas, three to five days' notice is required.
- ☐ Make arrangements for cars and vehicles that may need to be parked away from the structure.
- ☐ Make security arrangements if needed.\*
- ☐ Hold your mail service if needed.

\*If not already arranged by your pest management professional.

## Two to three days before

- ☐ Remove or double-bag unsealed food and medicines.\* See the "Food & Consumables Checklist" on Page 4 for helpful information. As an alternative to bagging, you may consider removing items at your discretion.
- ☐ Make house key arrangements with your pest management professional.
- ☐ Move indoor and outdoor potted plants away from your home.
- ☐ Prune any plants or trees touching/encroaching the outside of your home.
- ☐ Water the soil up to 18 inches from the outer walls of your home.
- ☐ Retract all awnings.
- ☐ Return all signed contracts to your fumigation and/or termite company.

\*Special bags are used and are available from your pest management professional. See "How to Use Nylofume Bags" on Page 6 for instructions.

## One day before

- ☐ Water the soil next to the foundation.
- ☐ For mattresses (excluding waterbeds) and pillows completely enveloped in waterproof coverings, do one of the following:
  - Open the seal of the waterproof covering, or
  - Remove the mattress or pillow from the space to be fumigated if the waterproof covering cannot be opened.\*
- ☐ Take pets to boarding or other location.
- ☐ Notify neighbors to make them aware of your upcoming fumigation treatment.
- ☐ To allow access for tarping, move cars and vehicles not being used the day of fumigation several feet away from the structure. Cars and vehicles may be left inside your garage but must be fully accessible (doors and trunk left unlocked).

\*If waterproof covers have built-in air vents, they do not need to be opened.

## The day of fumigation

- ☐ Provide house keys to your pest management professional if needed, as well as the best way to contact you during the fumigation.
- ☐ Evacuate all people, pets and plants from the structure.
- ☐ Confirm gas company restoration appointment.\*
- ☐ Turn off automatic timers, sprinkler systems, air conditioning, etc.
- ☐ Turn off electrical heating elements such as those in heaters, computers, pianos, organs, pet habitats, etc.
- ☐ Extinguish all pilot lights (hot water heaters, ranges, ovens, dryers, etc.).\*\*
- ☐ Open plastic storage bins and totes in the living areas.
- ☐ Open operable internal doors, furniture with large voids (such as wardrobes, etc.), cabinets, drawers, closets and appliances (such as washers, dishwashers, dryers, microwave or conventional ovens, etc.).

\*If not already arranged by your pest management professional.

\*\*In California, this is handled by the gas utility.

## After the fumigation

- ☐ Follow your state's regulations and don't re-enter your home until it has been tested and certified for re-entry by a licensed fumigator.
- ☐ Meet with the gas company to restore service.\* Make sure not to remove the clearance notice on the gas meter, as the gas company will need it to turn the gas back on.
- ☐ Turn back on any devices and timers.
- ☐ Open all Nylofume bagged items in well-ventilated areas.
- ☐ It is **not** necessary to wash dishes, linens, clothing, etc., as the fumigant is a gas that will dissipate from the structure and its contents.
- ☐ Enjoy the peace of mind that the termites are gone.

\*If not already arranged by your pest management professional.

Before your home is treated with a fumigant, all consumable items in unsealed containers (such as food, medicine, pet food, beverages and candy) need to be protected in special bags or removed from the structure. Check with your pest management professional to find out which method is recommended for you.

## What to bag or remove

**YES, bag or remove these items:**

Medicine, tobacco, vitamins and other ingestible pills, supplements and lozenges if not sealed in glass, plastic or metal jars or cans with the original manufacturer's seal intact



Pet food and animal feed in bags and boxes



Any food, feed, drugs and medicines if not sealed in glass, plastic or metal bottles, jars or cans with the original manufacturer's airtight seal intact



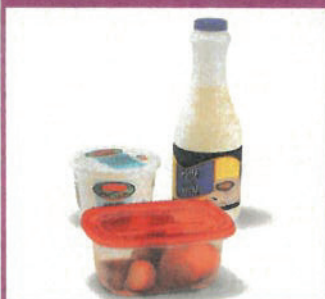
Chips, pasta, bread, cereals, rice, cookies, crackers and any other items packaged in plastic, paper or cardboard bags or boxes, even if they have never been opened



Beverages, snacks, sauces, drugs, medicines or other items in metallic foil-lined containers such as pouches, boxes or blister packs



Anything in resealable containers, including plastic containers, such as milk, butter, sour cream and cottage cheese



Eggs, fruits, vegetables and any other forms of produce



**Don't forget about these items:**

- Any food, feed, drugs, tobacco products and medicinals NOT sealed in glass, plastic or metal bottles, jars or cans with the original manufacturer's airtight seal intact.
- Spices without their original manufacturer's airtight seal intact.

Examples to guide you as you prepare for fumigation:

**NO need to bag or remove these items:**

- Any food, feed, drugs, tobacco products and medicines if **sealed** in glass, plastic or metal bottles, jars or cans with the **original manufacturer's airtight seal** intact (examples: unopened 2-liter soda/pop, liquor, beer or wine bottles).
- Dental hygiene products (including toothpaste, mouthwash, dental adhesives and whitening products).\*
- Shampoo and soaps.\*
- Cosmetics, including lipstick.\*
- All externally applied lotions and ointments.\*
- Water and ice cubes.\*

\*Includes opened containers

**Make sure to check:**

- ☐ Cupboards
- ☐ Refrigerator(s)
- ☐ Freezer(s)
- ☐ Kitchen or dresser drawers where food or medications may be stored
- ☐ Nightstands
- ☐ Children's rooms
- ☐ Office desk drawers
- ☐ Medicine cabinet(s)
- ☐ Liquor cabinet(s)
- ☐ Pantries or bulk food storage areas in the garage or basement

## What you'll need

**If you're bagging items so they can stay in the home:**

- You will use Nylofume bags, which are specially designed to protect your unsealed food and medicines. They are available from your pest management professional.

**If you're removing items from the home, the following might be helpful:**

- Plastic containers with lids to store food
- Plastic bins or totes for nonperishables

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