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This year, homeowners nationwide will host millions of houseguests with insatiable appetites.

But unlike rowdy relatives who loudly overstay their welcome, these ambitious guests will invade

The pests are termites, a menace to homeowners across the country. Termites may be silent, but

Termites attack structures of all types, forcing homeowners and business owners to spend billions

In the spring, warm weather signals the onset of swarm season, when termite colonies grow rapidly

"Termites travel far from their colonies in search of wooden food sources," noted Paul Hardy,

Vigilant homeowners can detect some signs of severe termite invasion, such as pencil-sized mud

However, most invasions are invisible to untrained eyes, so homeowners should schedule a free

&#8226; Shut down entry points. Termites can sneak through cracks as small as 1/64 of an inch.

&#8226; Elevate firewood piles and move them away from the house.

&#8226; Eliminate moisture, which is essential to termite survival, around the home, especially

&#8226; Keep gutters and downspouts clear and trim siding or stucco at least two inches above

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