



### **What are Wood Destroying Insects (WDI)?**

WDI are insects that damage the wooden components of a home. These may include termites, carpenter ants, carpenter bees, and wood-boring beetles. Some feed on the wood in the home, while others bore into the wood to create shelter.

### **Why is a WDI inspection important in a real estate transaction?**

Left unchecked, wood destroying insects can cause massive structural damage to a home. They often build their colonies in areas of the home that are not in plain sight, like crawlspaces, basements and attics. It is estimated that termites alone do more than \$5 billion in damage to homes in the United States each year.

### **What is included in a WDI inspection?**

A WDI inspection will include a thorough visual inspection of the home and the surrounding grounds for evidence of wood destroying insects. This will include things such as termite shelter tubes, entry/exit holes, frass (waste) left by WDI, insect remains (such as termite wings), and damaged wood

It will also include the evaluation of the home for conditions which may be inviting to WDI, such as water intrusion or conditions conducive to water intrusion, cracked foundation walls or penetrations through foundation walls, wood to ground contact, proximity of firewood, vegetation against house walls, and fascia and siding boards.

Following the inspection, the standard Wood Destroying Insect Report (NPMA-33) will be prepared, along with any observations and recommendations for making the home less inviting for wood destroying insects.