



TERMITE PREVENTION MEMO

Reliable Pest Control found a termite tunnel in one of the quads in the Ravenswood Community. The HOA believes residents must know and understand that this can be a severe issue. Please review the information below and do a self-inspection of your property or contact the vendor for a professional inspection.

Reliable Pest Control is the preferred vendor for the Ravenswood community. The HOA is responsible for the cost of treatments for effected buildings. MSM is working with the vendor on a recommendation for a regular inspection process for the community. The technician did not believe that it was necessary to inspect all the buildings professionally. If you find evidence of termites or if you want to have your unit inspected, contact Reliable Pest Control. Please find contact information below.

- **Cost: \$40 and \$50 per unit**
- **765.423.1225**
- **www.callreliable.com**

Please do a visual inspection on your own here are some things to look for:

How to Identify Termites Inside a Drywall?

There are **some signs of subterranean termites' infestation of drywall** that helps you to identify the pest in time and take some necessary treatment measures against them:

- Subterranean termites often devour walls from the inside out, **there may be some visible traces of injury**: from the inside of drywall, you can notice some small "trails" that indicate the paths of tunnels for working termites.
- **Sometimes different termites leave small holes in the drywall paper**. Subterranean termites use soil to fill these little holes; dry wood termites do not. If you mark pin-sized holes in sheetrock or wallpaper, call a special termite inspection before making any repairs.
- **Sometimes it is possible to find mud tubes under the wallpaper**. Termites make these tubes of mud, saliva, and their feces. They travel via these mud tunnels to discover new places in their search for food and moisture. It is one of the surest signs.
- **There are some ways to inspect a drywall for termites that can be fulfilled only by professionals**. For example, termite experts can look for dry wood termite droppings (or frass) – a sign of a nearby infestation – and check the wall's soundness.
- **Specialists also may use infrared scanners** to check temperature variations within the ceiling or walls of your house. Individual variations in temperature can indicate areas with high moisture levels or potential termite infestation.

