

# Here is What You Need to Do

## What do I need to do to prepare for fumigation with Vikane® gas fumigant?

In addition to the work performed by your fumigator, it is your responsibility to help prepare your home for the fumigation. Taking the following steps prior to fumigation helps ensure its success, resulting in the elimination of drywood termites from your home. Check with your fumigator for additional home preparation information.

### The Day Before Fumigation

- Water the soil up to 18 inches from the outer walls of your home to protect outdoor plants and shrubs.
- Cut back foliage, shrubbery and landscaping at least 18 inches from the structure to allow room for the tarps.
- Remember to make arrangements for overnight accommodations for you and your pets, as your home may be under fumigation for 24 - 48 hours.
- Please keep in mind the fumigation may need to be rescheduled if the weather is uncooperative. High winds and rain may hinder a fumigation and cause potential danger to fumigators.

### The Day of Fumigation

- Remove all plants from your home, including those on outdoor patios.
- Evacuate all people and pets from the structure.
- Remove mattresses completely enveloped in plastic, such as baby mattresses with waterproof covers, or remove the covers themselves.
- Remove any food, feed, drugs and medicinals as specified by your fumigator. You do not need to remove items in plastic, glass, or metal bottles, cans or jars with the original manufacturer's seal intact. *Anything that will be ingested (medicine, spices, etc.) should be removed.*

### After The Fumigation

- It is **unnecessary** to wash dishes, linens, clothing, etc., as Vikane is a gas and will dissipate from the structure.
- Remember, once your fumigation is complete, all termites in your structure should be eliminated.

Ask your fumigator to help you determine additional items that need to be double-bagged or removed prior to fumigation. A good rule of thumb is "When in doubt, take it out." Here are some examples.

#### Remove these items:

- Chips, pasta, rice and other foods packaged in plastic bags
- Cereals, crackers and other foods packaged in cardboard boxes (even if the boxes have never been opened)
- Spices, salt and pepper shakers, and other items where the seal has been broken
- Eggs
- Opened bottled drinking water
- Butter, cream cheese and any other items stored in a resealed container, including items stored in Tupperware containers
- Fruits and vegetables
- Bags of pet food and bird seed, as well as opened cans



#### You DO NOT need to remove these items:

- Ice
- Unopened cans (including home-canned goods)
- Cosmetics, such as lipstick
- Shampoo and soaps
- Unopened toothpaste and mouthwash
- Unopened soda cans and glass bottles
- Unopened bottles of liquor and wine (stored horizontally)

*If you have any questions about how to prepare your home for fumigation, please contact your fumigator.*