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Document Acknowledgement

Documents included:

- Occupants Fumigation Notice (3 Pages)
- Connecting Structures (1 Page)
- Plant and Landscaping Release (1 Page)
- Roof Damage Liability Release (1 Page)
- Home Security Notification (1 Page)
- SoCalGas Notification (1 Page)
- Cat Preparation (1 Page)
- Vikane Gas Fact Sheet (2 Pages)
- Fumigation Planning Guide (11 Pages)

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have received, reviewed, and understand all applicable documents provided. If I have any questions or need further clarification, I will reach out to the designated contact.

Owner/Agent Name:_____ Owner/Agent Signature_____

Owner/Agent Name Phone: _____

Property Access Information

Access to your property will be required during the fumigation process. Please provide the location of the key, lockbox, and any applicable gate codes for your community. If you intend to meet us in person, please indicate this on the key access location form. Additionally, please specify where you would prefer the key to be returned following the completion of the fumigation.____

Key Access: _____ Key Return: _____

Other Access Information: _____
(Gate Codes, Lockbox Locations, etc)

Occupants Fumigation Notice and Pesticide Disclosure

Job Address:_____ City:_____

☐ Single Family Dwelling ☐ Multi Family Dwelling ☐ Other:_____

Owner / Agent Name:_____

Telephone Number: _____ Emergency Number: _____

Occupant/Tenant Name:_____

Telephone Number: _____ Emergency Number: _____

Prime Contractor:_____ Phone Number_____

Fumigation Contractor: _____ Phone Number:_____

Target Pest(s): ☐ Drywood Termites ☐ Beetles ☐ Other:_____

Fumigants proposed to be used: X Sulfuryl Fluoride **Vikane (Douglas Products)**

Are you aware of any conduits, pipes, common drains, air ducts, central vacuum systems or any other construction elements that would allow the passage of a fumigant to any other adjacent structures?

YES ☐ NO ☐ If Yes, please describe below:

_____

CHLOROPICRIN WILL BE USED AS A WARNING AGENT

Dates of Fumigation: _____ Alternative Date:_____ Initials:_____

IMPORTANT - READ CAREFULLY

THIS BUILDING WILL BE FUMIGATED WITH LETHAL GASES ON THE DATE(S) INDICTED ABOVE. ALL PERSONS AND ANIMALS MUST VACATE THE PREMISES ON OR BEFORE ARRIVAL OF THE FUMIGATION CREW.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES CAN ANYONE ENTER THE BUILDING UNTIL THE FUMIGATION COMPANY'S NOTICE IS POSTED GIVING THE TIME AND DATE FOR SAFE RE-ENTRY.

"State law requires that you be given the following information: CAUTION-PESTICIDES ARE TOXIC CHEMICALS. Structural pest control companies are registered and regulated by the Structural Pest Control Board, and apply pesticides which are registered and approved for use by the California Department of Pesticide Regulation and the United States Environmental Protection Agency. Registration is granted when the State finds that based on existing scientific evidence there are no appreciable risks if proper use conditions are followed or that the risks are outweighed by the benefits. The degree of risk depends upon the degree of exposure, so exposure should be minimized."
If within 24 hours you experience symptoms of dizziness, headache, nausea, reduced awareness, slowed movement, garbled speech or difficulty in breathing, leave the structure immediately and seek medical attention by contacting your physician or California Poison Control System (1-800-222-1222) and notify your pest control company. The warning agent, chloropicrin, can cause symptoms of tearing, respiratory distress and vomiting. Entry into the space during fumigation can be fatal.
For further information, contact any of the following: Your Pest Control Company(See Contact Above); for Health Questions - the County Health Department (See below); for Application Information - the County Agricultural Commissioner (See below) and for Regulatory Information - the Structural Pest Control Board, 800/737-8188, 2005 Evergreen Street, Suite 1500, Sacramento, California, 95815.

County Health Department	County Agricultural Commissioner	California Poison Control System	Structural Pest Control Board
Ventura (805)981-5101 Santa Barbara (805)681-5100 Los Angeles (833)540-0473	Ventura (805)933-2926 Santa Barbara (805)681-5600 Los Angeles (626)575-5454	1-800-222-1222	1-800-737-8188

I HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF A COPY OF THIS DOCUMENT AS WELL AS A LIST THAT INCLUDES INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE NECESSARY PREPARATION FOR THE FUMIGATION, PROCEDURES FOR LEAVING THE STRUCTURE. We suggest that you notify nearby neighbors of the date of fumigation and to keep pets away during the fumigation. Close off any open access to the subarea to prevent pets from entering.

Owner Agent Signature: _____ Date:_____

Occupant/Tenant Signature:_____Date:_____

FUMIGATION CANNOT COMMENCE WITHOUT THIS SIGNED NOTICE IN POSSESSION OF THE FUMIGATOR.
FUMIGATOR MUST HAVE A COMPLETE SET OF KEYS TO THE PROPERTY BEFORE WORK CAN BE DONE.
*** A RESCHEDULING FEE MAY BE REQUIRED ***

PREPARATION BY OWNER OR OCCUPANT PRIOR TO FUMIGATION

1. The following items must be removed from the property before fumigation can begin: All persons, domestic animals, pets, including fish and desirable growing plants; remove baby bed mattress, mattresses (except Waterbeds) that are plasticized and pillows that are completely enveloped in waterproof covers, or remove covers. Food, feed, drugs, and medicines (including those items in refrigerators and freezers) can remain in the structure if they are in plastic, glass, or metal bottles, cans, or jars with the original manufacturer's airtight seal intact. Food, feed, drugs, and medicines (including those items in refrigerators and freezers) not in plastic, glass, or in metal bottles, cans, or jars with the original manufacturers' airtight seal intact, need to be removed from the fumigation site, or double bagged in Nylofume bags. We recommend that all food be removed. We will remove all food items found in the premises which are not in a factory sealed glass or metal container or in the Nylofume bags. All perishables may be thrown away. Non-perishables may be stored outside of the building at occupant's cost and liability.

2. Air mattresses and adjustable air beds (including Sleep Number-style beds) must be fully deflated and the zippers on their covers opened before fumigation. Do not leave any air bed inflated or zipped closed inside the structure.

3. Dishes and utensils need not be removed or washed after fumigation. Structural fumigants are colorless, odorless, and will not affect paints, finishes, or fabrics. They will not leave a residue on surfaces.

4. Vines and shrubs connected to the building must be detached, trimmed, or removed by the owner leaving at least twelve inches of space to allow the fumigation tarps to go between the shrubs and the building. Gravel, bark, and other decorative ground cover should be raked back twelve inches so as to expose the soil. Due to the nature of the work, we cannot be held responsible for trampled or damaged plants. The day before fumigation, the soil surrounding the structure(s) (including decks, garages, etc.) must be soaked with water at least one-foot outward from the structure. This will require from 30 minutes to one hour soaking, depending on soil conditions.

5.We are required to shut off the natural gas (or Propane) supply going into the house to guard against problems associated with gas leaks and to prevent the fumigant from reacting with hot surfaces. **THE ELECTRICITY MUST STAY ON**. It is the occupant's responsibility to turn the gas back on and relight the pilot lights unless other arrangements have been made with the fumigator.

6. Our crews may fumigate several structures in various locations each day. Therefore, the time that any fumigation is scheduled is approximate. Opening after proper exposure to the fumigant is usually 20 hours following the introduction of the fumigant but may be as few as 12 hours depending on dosage. YOU WILL NEED TO BE OUT OF THE PROPERTY FOR AT LEAST TWO NIGHTS. APPROPRIATE NOTICE OF RE-ENTRY WILL BE POSTED WHEN IT IS SAFE TO ACCESS THE STRUCTURE.

7. It is required that the fumigator have keys to the premises during the course of fumigation. We must have access to all parts of the building, including garages and rooms, which are normally kept locked. Any vehicle left within the structure which is to be fumigated, must have the trunk open and all windows down. **WE MUST HAVE A COMPLETE SET OF KEYS TO THE PROPERTY.**

8. All automatic timing devices (sprinklers, lights, alarms, etc.) must be turned off prior to the fumigation.

9. The owner or occupant must remove all antennae, weather vanes, chimney stacks, etc. If we have to remove the antenna, there may be an extra charge, we will not –reinstall it, nor will we be responsible for inadequate function or damage, resulting from removal or re-installation.

10. Care will be taken to avoid damage to the roof, gutters, and chimneys of the building. However, due to the condition of the chimney, the roof and gutters, their age, or the type of roof and gutters as well as the nature of the work, some damage to the chimney or the roof or its gutters may be unavoidable.

11. We cannot accept any responsibility for damage to solar systems.

12. Fumigation operations may not commence during inclement weather or high wind and may have to be rescheduled.

13. To avoid possible misunderstandings, our insurance company requests that all valuables, such as jewelry, large amounts of cash, and objects of art be removed prior to fumigation. As a safety precaution, the fumigator must have access to all parts of the structure including closets and storerooms which are normally kept locked. Windows will be left open while the tent is on building and during aeration with crew on site. Owner/occupant/agent may post a guard at the property at his/her own discretion and cost. **WE ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY LOSS OR DAMAGE DUE TO VANDALISM, THEFT, OR OTHER ACTS OF THIRD PARTIES.**

14. If the attic and/or crawl space below the structure are/is accessible through a closet, the closet must be completely emptied.

15. In order to seal the tarps properly, tape will need to be applied at certain points around steps and walls. The adhesive used may leave a residue or mild staining on these surfaces. We will make every effort to minimize this, but some residue may remain and will fade over time. This residue is not removed by our crew and is not harmful to people or to the structure, beyond the mild staining described.

By signing below, I confirm that I have read the instruction sheets and understand that it is my responsibility to ensure all the required preparations are completed before the fumigation crew arrives. Additionally, I acknowledge that I have been provided with a copy of the Fact Sheet for Vikane (Sulfuryl Fluoride) and confirm receipt of the Occupants Fumigation Notices, pages one and two.

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Occupant/Tenant Signature:_____ Date:_____

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Connecting Structures

Please check the box that applies to your property:

☐ I/we, the undersigned, **are not** aware of any construction elements, conduits, drains, or vacuum systems that could allow fumigant to pass from the structure being fumigated to any adjacent or adjoining structure(s).

☐ I/we, the undersigned, **are aware** of construction elements, conduits, drains, or vacuum systems that could allow fumigant to pass from the structure being fumigated to any adjacent or adjoining structure(s). (Please provide details below)

_____

_____

_____

Property Address: _____

Owner/Agent Signature: _____

Owner/Agent Name: _____

Date: _____

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ROOF DAMAGE LIABILITY RELEASE

Best Care Fumigation Services, Inc. anticipates that damage to your roof may occur during fumigation services at the property address below. While our technicians will exercise reasonable care, the nature of the fumigation process makes some degree of roof damage likely. The extent of damage depends on the type, age, and condition of roofing materials, and weather conditions. In certain circumstances, significant or extensive damage may result.

Any estimate of potential damage is provided for informational purposes only based on our experience with similar roofs. **There is no reliable method to predict with certainty the exact amount or extent of damage that will occur.** Any estimate provided should NOT be construed as a guarantee or warranty.

The fumigation process may also cause damage to: roof tiles, shingles, and roofing materials; roof vents, ventilation systems, and vent covers; gutters and downspouts; electrical wiring; satellite dishes and antennas; solar panels and associated systems; awnings and patio covers; chimneys and flashing; and other roof-mounted or roof-adjacent fixtures including but not limited to chimneys.

RELEASE AND WAIVER: In consideration of **Best Care Fumigation Services, Inc.** performing fumigation services at my property, I hereby knowingly and voluntarily waive, release, and discharge **Best Care Fumigation Services, Inc.**, their owners, officers, employees, agents, contractors, and representatives, from any and all claims, liability, damages, costs, expenses, demands, and causes of action arising from or related to: (1) any damage to the roof, including tiles, shingles, roofing materials, underlayment, roof vents, ventilation systems, vent covers, and structural roof components; (2) any damage to gutters, downspouts, wiring, patio covers, awning covers, solar panels, solar heating systems and associated plumbing, antennas, satellite dishes, chimneys, or other roof-mounted or roof-adjacent fixtures; and (3) any consequential or indirect property damage resulting from the fumigation services or roof damage, including water intrusion, interior damage, or damage to personal property.

Property Address: _____

Owner/Agent Signature: _____

Owner/Agent Name: _____

Date: _____

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PLANT AND LANDSCAPING RELEASE

Best Care Fumigation Services, Inc. anticipates that damage to plants, vegetation, and landscaping may occur during fumigation services at the above-referenced property. Plants, shrubs, flowers, vines, and other vegetation located within eighteen inches (18") of the exterior perimeter of the structure being fumigated are at significant risk of damage or death due to the fumigation chemicals and tarping process. Vegetation situated beyond this eighteen-inch (18") perimeter is not exempt from risk; depending on the density and placement of plantings on the property, additional damage may result from the movement of tarps, equipment, and personnel necessary to perform the fumigation.

REQUIRED PREPARATIONS:

To minimize potential damage, the property owner, tenant, or occupant must take the following actions prior to fumigation:

- Thoroughly water and soak the soil starting at least twelve inches (12") from the foundation and extending outward, completing this process the evening before the scheduled fumigation.
- Trim, cut back, and remove all plant growth, branches, and foliage to maintain a minimum clearance of eighteen inches (18") from the building structure.

IMPORTANT: Any vegetation that is vined, climbing, trellised, or attached to the structure by any means, or that cannot be adequately removed due to size or rooting, will need to be covered during the fumigation process. **Such plants will likely die as a result of the fumigation, even with covering.**

RELEASE AND WAIVER: In consideration of **Best Care Fumigation Services, Inc.** performing fumigation services at my property, I hereby knowingly and voluntarily waive, release, and discharge **Best Care Fumigation Services, Inc.**, their owners, officers, employees, agents, contractors, and representatives, from any and all claims, liability, damages, costs, expenses, demands, and causes of action arising from or related to damage to plants, landscaping, vegetation, shrubs, flowers, trees, vines, ground cover, or any other plant life that may be caused by **Best Care Fumigation Services, Inc.** during or as a result of the fumigation services. This release includes, but is not limited to, any pre-existing plant damage or conditions that may worsen as a result of the fumigation process.

I acknowledge that I have read this waiver in its entirety, understand its contents and legal effect, and sign it freely and voluntarily.

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Home Security Notification

We would like to make you aware of the potential for home burglaries during tent fumigations, which can sometimes affect properties during the process. Please note that Best Care Fumigation Services, Inc. does not provide on-site security, and our insurance does not cover incidents of break-ins or vandalism, should they occur. As such, we strongly encourage you to consider the following security measures while your property is undergoing fumigation:

Recommended Security Measures:

- Hire a professional on-site security service.
- Remove valuables such as money, jewelry, credit cards, and important documents to a secure location.
- Inform trusted neighbors of your fumigation schedule and ask them to report any suspicious activity to the authorities.
- Contact local law enforcement and request increased patrols around your property during the fumigation period.

Please be aware of the following important note, as outlined in your agreement (see Line Item 13 on Page 2 of the Occupants Fumigation Notice and Pesticide Disclosure):

"To avoid misunderstandings, we request that all valuables, such as jewelry, large amounts of cash, and objects of art, be removed before fumigation. As a safety measure, the fumigator must have access to all areas of the structure, including closets and storerooms that are normally locked. Windows will be left open while the tent is on the building and during aeration with crew on site. The owner/occupant/agent may post a guard at their own discretion and expense. Best Care Fumigation Services, Inc. will not be responsible for any loss or damage resulting from vandalism, theft, or acts of third parties."

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have been advised of the recommended security measures and understand that Best Care Fumigation Services, Inc. is not liable for any break-ins or vandalism during the fumigation process.

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Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas) Service Notification

Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas) has determined that only their personnel may shut off and restore gas service before and after tented fumigation jobs. Fumigation contractors are not authorized to perform these services for SoCalGas customers.

As part of the fumigation process, Best Care Fumigation Services, Inc. will arrange for SoCalGas to turn off the gas prior to fumigation. However, it is the responsibility of the homeowner and/or realtor to schedule an appointment for the gas to be restored after the fumigation is complete. Due to the high volume of appointments, it is strongly recommended that you schedule the gas restoration several days in advance of the fumigation.

Please ensure that any gates are unlocked by 7:30 AM on the morning of fumigation to allow SoCalGas access to disconnect the gas at the meter. This will help avoid delays in the fumigation process.

Gas service can only be restored, and pilot lights re-lit, once the building has been certified safe for re-entry. SoCalGas will require access to the structure to restore the gas and relight pilot lights, and an adult (18 years or older) must be present at the time of service. The re-entry notice must remain posted and available for SoCalGas personnel; if the notice is removed, they will not enter the structure until eight days after the fumigation to relight the pilot lights.

To schedule an appointment, contact SoCalGas at (800) 427-2200. They are available 24 hours a day and will provide you with an appointment time.

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Preparing Your Pet Cat for Fumigation

Please select one of the following:

☐ I do not have a pet cat.
☐ I do have a pet cat.

Throughout the fumigation process, my pet(s) will be:

☐ In my possession and away from the home
☐ Boarded in a kennel

As you prepare your home for fumigation, please remember that pets, especially cats, can sometimes be overlooked. Unlike dogs, cats often roam freely, which can cause them to react unpredictably to the changes in their environment. Cats may hide in familiar or new locations when stressed, making them difficult to find. As you prepare your home, be mindful of this behavior to ensure your pet is safely removed from the property. Failing to remove pets can lead to tragic outcomes, such as the loss of a household pet. To prevent such tragedies, we strongly remind you to remove all living things—including people, pets, and plants—from the home during the entire fumigation process.

Even if you do not own a cat, it's important to consider that your neighbors' cats may roam freely. To reduce the chance of a neighbor's pet entering the structure during fumigation, we recommend informing your neighbors of the fumigation schedule. This will allow them to keep their pets safe. Additionally, please ensure all exterior vents and access points are sealed to prevent animals from entering the property.

Important Notice:
Our fumigation company uses chloropicrin (tear gas) as a warning agent and Vikane gas during fumigations. According to the Vikane label, *"Remove from the structure to be fumigated all persons, domestic animals, pets (including fish), and desirable growing plants."* Cats, unlike other animals, may not respond to the physical distress caused by chloropicrin exposure and will not leave their hiding spots, making it crucial for homeowners to ensure they are removed before the fumigation begins. Fumigators rely on your assistance to prevent any harm from occurring.

Property Address: _____

Owner/Agent Signature: _____

Owner/Agent Name: _____

Date: _____

DOUGLAS PRODUCTS

VIKANE®

Fact Sheet For Vikane® Gas Fumigant (Sulfuryl Fluoride)

Vikane® Gas Fumigant

In the interest of Douglas Products' commitment to product stewardship, this fact sheet is intended to provide basic information about the product and how it is used. If you have specific questions about your fumigation, refer to documents provided by the fumigator or call the fumigator listed on the warning signs posted on your structure. If you have questions about Vikane gas fumigant (the fumigant used) or the procedures described, call the Douglas Products Customer Information Center at 844-8VIKANE (844-884-5263).

Why Buildings Are Fumigated

Insects that feed or tunnel into wood can seriously damage houses, apartments, and other dwellings or structures. Each year termites or other wood destroying insects damage more than 5 million homes. Other pests, such as bed bugs, may be dispersed throughout rooms and can be difficult to locate and control quickly and completely. Depending on the extent or location of the infestation, fumigation is the only total control method proven to eliminate certain infestations of wood destroying insects, bed bugs, and other structure-infesting pests.

How Buildings Are Fumigated

Because Vikane is a gas, prior to fumigation, the structure is completely sealed. This serves to contain Vikane in the building so it can penetrate wood and building contents to thoroughly eliminate the pests. Depending on the construction of the building, the doors and windows may be sealed with tape and a plastic sheet, or the structure may be covered with a tarp. The building will remain sealed for 2-72 hours depending on the specifics of the job. Warning signs are posted around the building notifying people to keep out.

After the fumigation period is completed, a professional fumigator will aerate the structure using fans for a prescribed aeration period. Once the dwelling has been thoroughly aerated, the fumigator is required to measure the level of any fumigant remaining in the living space to ensure it is below the EPA approved concentration for reentry by the occupants.

Extremely low levels of fumigant can remain for a short period of time in dead air spaces between walls and inside cabinets as well as porous materials such as furniture. The small amount of fumigant in these areas will continue to dissipate for a few hours after the fumigation but at levels well below the established safe reentry concentration. Your building will not be cleared for reoccupancy until it is safe to enter. The fumigator will post a notice on your building indicating the day and time for reentry. Structures can be occupied only when the concentration is 1 part per million or less (this represents a margin of safety – laboratory animals have been exposed to 100 parts per million for 2 weeks with no adverse effects). Because Vikane is a true gas and not a vapor, aeration is rapid. Recent studies demonstrated that in most structures levels are less than 1 part per million after the prescribed aeration period and have no detectable levels of Vikane within 24 hours after the start of aeration.

Sulfuryl fluoride is a colorless, odorless gas, so a warning agent is added to the building that causes watery eyes and a scratchy throat. If you experience these symptoms in a structure that has been recently fumigated, you should leave immediately and call the pest control company to have your building retested.

Sulfuryl Fluoride (Potential Health Risks From Overexposure)

Sulfuryl fluoride is a gas that can potentially enter your body only through inhalation. Because it is a gas, it does not stay on dry surfaces; therefore, there is no exposure from touching treated surfaces.

Nervous System And Respiratory Irritation

Overexposure to high levels of sulfuryl fluoride can result in nose and throat irritation and nausea. At high concentrations (such as those used during the fumigation) it can cause excess fluid in the lungs, sleepiness, pneumonia, and convulsions. These symptoms would be expected to appear within 8 hours after such an exposure. In the unlikely event you experience these symptoms in the building that has been recently fumigated, you should leave immediately. Consult your physician and call the pest control company to have your building retested.

Additional Studies

Sulfuryl fluoride has not been shown to cause birth defects in pregnant animals exposed under experimental conditions. In addition, current studies have demonstrated there are not mutagenic or genotoxic effects caused by exposure to sulfuryl fluoride.

Questions

If you have specific questions about your fumigation, refer to documents provided by the fumigator or call the fumigator listed on the warning signs posted on your structure. Call the Douglas Products Customer Information Center at 844-8VIKANE (844-884-5263) if you need additional information or have questions concerning this product.

Safety Precautions And Homeowner Preparation

- Discuss the treatment program in advance with your pest control company so you fully understand what will be done and what you need to do.
- Carefully follow the instructions you are given about what items you are to remove from your building.
- Stay out of the treated building until it is cleared by your pest control company for reentry.
- If you are interested or concerned, you should ask your pest control company to show the records of how your building was aerated before it was cleared for reentry.
- You may wish to increase ventilation by opening doors and windows.

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DOUGLAS PRODUCTS

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Vikane is a federally Restricted Use Pesticide. Always read and follow label directions.
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Fumigation planning guide/ downloadable PDF

- Fumigation Prep Calendar & Checklist
- Food & Consumables Checklist
- How to Use Nylofume® Bags
- Additional Details: Every Home Is Unique
- Fumigation FAQs

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.
- ☑ 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.
- ☑ Open waterproof covers on mattresses and pillows if they do not have built-in air vents.*
- ☑ 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 all cabinets, drawers, closets and interior doors.

*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.
- ☑ 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.

FOOD & CONSUMABLES CHECKLIST

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.

FOOD & CONSUMABLES CHECKLIST

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

It is the responsibility of the homeowner to have all items 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.

HOW TO USE NYLOFUME® BAGS

All items such as food, feed, drugs (including tobacco) and medicines not adequately packaged (including those items in refrigerators and freezers) must either be removed from the structure being fumigated or sealed in protective Nylofume® bags. The Nylofume bags should be "doubled-up" before you fill them with items that need protection.

Please follow these instructions carefully

1. While bags are still empty, place one inside another. Double-bagging helps ensure effective protection.

2. Place items inside the inner bag. Do NOT overfill — leave clearance on top for adequate closure of the bags.

3. Twist the top of the inner bag.

4. Fold once and secure the fold in place by using tape or a twist tie.

5. Repeat Steps 3 and 4 with the outer bag.

6. Check the seal by pressing gently against the sides of the bag and listening for air leaks. No air should be able to escape.

Helpful tips

- Try not to purchase extra food from the grocery store. The more food you have, the more you will need to bag or remove.
- Cold and frozen foods in Nylofume® bags can be left in the refrigerator and freezer. Remove shelves from the refrigerator and freezer to make it easier to stack bags inside.
- Do not use Nylofume bags to store clothing, toys or other nonedible items prior to fumigation. The fumigant completely aerates from these items, so it is unnecessary to place them in bags.

IMPORTANT: Keep Nylofume and other such bags out of children's reach. If you have any questions, make sure to contact your pest management professional.

Every home is different. Below are items that may need special attention. As always, check first with your pest management professional for confirmation and more information.

ADDITIONAL DETAILS
EVERY HOME IS UNIQUE

Aquariums

Be sure to check with your pest management professional on how to prepare aquariums for fumigation.

Awnings

Retract all awnings to protect them from the weight of the tarps used for tenting the home.

Blinds and drapes

Your windows may be opened to allow the fumigant gas to move freely. Raising blinds and opening drapes help the process go more quickly.

Burglar alarms

If any burglar alarms are to be left on, leave operational instructions and your contact information with your pest management professional.

Connected structures

Construction elements connecting buildings, such as conduits and drainage systems, may allow the passage of fumigant from the structure being fumigated to an adjacent structure. Identifying all possible connections between structures is an essential aspect of a fumigation treatment. Let your pest management professional know if you have:

- Central vacuum lines
- Polyvinyl chloride (PVC) or metal pipes that house electrical, telephone or cable lines above or below ground
- French drains, gutter systems and landscape drains
- Hollow block fences (may be covered with stucco), archways or breezeways

Exterior doors without locks

All exterior doors to the building being fumigated (including the water heater cabinet) must be secured against unauthorized entry. If no clasp or other locking device exists, the law may require nailing or other methods to secure these doors.

Keys for exterior door locks

- The law requires all exterior doors, including garage doors, be locked and secured during fumigation. Fumigators use additional locking devices, called secondary locks, on exterior doors that cannot be secured by other means.

- Because fumigators need access to the inside of your home for preparation, **you are required** to provide keys to the pest management professional for all exterior locked doors, including outdoor sheds within the fumigated space.
- Keyless entryway locks can be temporarily recoded for the fumigation to meet security requirements.

Outdoor gas grills

Turn off gas at the tank valve for outdoor grills that will be in the fumigated space (covered by tarps).

Roof-mounted structures

To be effective, tarps used for fumigation are heavy. During tenting, roof-mounted items (such as antenna guide wires, satellite dishes, security cameras, weather vanes, etc.) risk being damaged. These items may need to be removed, so check with your pest management professional before the fumigation.

Swimming pools

The gate to a pool area may need to be left open. If you wish to have the property guarded, check with your fumigator for more information.

Tree limbs over roof

Tree limbs growing over the roof should be trimmed to allow room for workers to cover the roof with the tarp.

Valuables

Most fumigation companies are not responsible for security against vandalism, theft or breaking and entering before or during the fumigation and aeration procedure or after the property is released for re-entry. It is recommended you remove any highly valuable items from the premises prior to the fumigation.

Walk-in safes/security areas

All areas within the structure must be made accessible, including closets, garages and safes. If you have a walk-in or large safe, you may need to be present to open the safe for the fumigator's inspection before fumigation and after aeration.

Waterbed mattresses

No special preparation is needed for waterbed mattresses, and they can be left in the house as is.

Weather

Fumigation cannot be performed if there is severe weather that would affect fumigation worker safety and the successful completion of the fumigation. In these situations, the fumigation would need to be rescheduled.

When can I re-enter my home?

The fumigated structures must not be re-entered until they have been tested and certified for re-entry by a licensed fumigator. Specialized equipment is used to test the air to ensure the fumigant has dissipated. In some states, such as California and Florida, a notice will be posted on the door when the building is certified for re-entry.

Should I shut off my electricity or water service?

No. Electricity and water must be available as it will be necessary to run fans during the fumigation process. Gas service, however, will need to be shut off prior to fumigation. In some areas, three to five days' notice may be required to schedule this appointment, so leave enough time to make arrangements.

Why does my fumigator need a key to my house and garage?

The fumigator must have access to all rooms and compartments inside of the structure to perform fumigation services.

Why do you recommend watering the soil around my home?

Thoroughly watering the soil up to 18 inches from the outer walls of your home and the ground around shrubs and plants located adjacent to the structure can help protect them during the tenting process. Watering should be done the day before fumigation.

Does a fumigation treatment leave any surface residues?

The gas used to fumigate your home does not remain in the home after fumigation. It completely dissipates.

Can the air conditioning be left running during fumigation?

- Typically, air conditioning is not left on during the fumigation. If you have special circumstances, such as keeping a wine cellar cool, arrangements will need to be made with your pest management professional.
- Window air conditioning units should not be left on as they will be covered by the tarps and unable to function.

What precautions are taken to ensure my family's safety?

Your professional licensed fumigator will do four things:

- Release a warning agent to deter entry to the home.
- Secure doors on your home by using deadbolts or additional locking devices to prevent unauthorized entry.
- Open all cupboards, drawers, trunks and vaults to ensure the fumigant gas quickly dissipates from your home.
- Use specialized equipment to test the air to ensure the fumigant has dissipated so you may re-enter your home. The fumigant level must be below the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) requirement (1 ppm or less) in all breathing zones. Therefore, as soon as the fumigator clears the structure, you may return to your home.

Post-fumigation, my cupboards and drawers were left open. Why?

All cupboards, drawers, trunks and vaults must be opened to ensure the fumigant gas quickly dissipates from your home during aeration.

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