

Sydney Confronts Increasing Costs from Invasive Pest Species

Tom's Pest Control Sydney highlights the rising economic and environmental costs of invasive species across New South Wales.

SYDNEY, NSW, AUSTRALIA, November 26, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Sydney is facing a costly invasion. Termites, fire ants, and European wasps are spreading across suburbs and business districts, leaving a trail of structural damage and economic loss. The situation is worsening each year as warmer weather and rapid development create the perfect environment for pests to multiply. Tom's Pest Control Sydney is warning that the financial and environmental burden will only increase if property owners continue to ignore early warning signs.



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The Economic Toll of Pest Infestations

National research estimates that invasive pests cost the Australian economy more than 20 billion dollars every year. Termites are responsible for at least 1.5 billion dollars in property damage

annually. In Sydney, the problem is compounded by older timber homes, humidity, and the city's proximity to bushland.

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A spokesperson from Tom's said, “We are seeing a steady rise in termite infestations across Sydney. Houses built decades ago are especially vulnerable because they were constructed without modern protection systems. In most cases, by the time a homeowner notices visible damage, the internal structure has already been compromised.”

The company provides [termite treatment in Sydney](#) that focuses on both detection and prevention. Technicians use moisture meters, heat sensors, and radar-based equipment to locate colonies hidden behind walls or under flooring. Once detected, baiting systems are installed to eliminate the entire colony without unnecessary chemical use.

Termites and the Silent Threat

Termites are known as silent destroyers for a reason. They can tunnel through wood and plasterboard for years without being detected and by the time you see the damage, it's too late. Their colonies operate 24 hours a day, often inside foundations, roof voids, or crawl spaces. In many cases, termite damage is not covered by home insurance, leaving residents to cover thousands in repair costs.

Sydney homeowner Peter Collins from Parramatta shared his story. "We heard faint tapping noises in the wall but ignored them. During a renovation, we found mud tunnels running from the skirting board to the frame. Tom's Pest Control inspected the house, found the main nest in the subfloor, and treated it. They also set up monitoring systems to prevent re-entry."

The spokesperson added, "Regular inspections are the best defence. Prevention costs far less than reconstruction."

Fire Ants and European Wasps on the Move

Fire ants, first detected in Queensland, are now appearing in parts of northern Sydney. Their stings can cause severe allergic reactions and long-term skin irritation. These pests are also known to destroy lawns and crops.

European wasps are another rising threat. Their nests are showing up in parks, gardens, and even roof spaces. Unlike bees, European wasps are aggressive and attack in large numbers. Their presence endangers native species and poses a real danger in public spaces.

"Our pest control team has responded to more wasp-related emergencies this summer than



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ever before,” the spokesperson said. “Homeowners often try to spray the nests, but that can make the insects more aggressive. Professional removal is the safest solution.”

When Tom’s identifies invasive species such as fire ants or wasps, they coordinate with local biosecurity authorities to ensure the pests are contained.

Business and Community Impact

Pest infestations are also affecting Sydney’s businesses. Warehouses, restaurants, and construction sites experience stock damage, equipment failures, and work stoppages. For some operators, the costs include both financial loss and reputation damage.

Warehouse manager Leah Matthews from Alexandria recalled, “We had recurring termite activity near the loading dock that caused expensive repairs. Tom’s Pest Control inspected, installed baiting systems, and now monitors the area every month. We have had zero issues for more than a year.”

Preventing a Larger Crisis

Tom’s is urging property owners to schedule annual pest inspections and address minor issues before they become major problems. The company also works with local councils and schools to deliver education programs about pest awareness and prevention.

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About Tom’s Pest Control Sydney

Tom’s Pest Control Sydney provides professional pest management services across the Greater Sydney region. The team specialises in termite treatment and comprehensive pest prevention programs for homes and businesses. They also offer targeted [ant control in Sydney](#) to eliminate infestations at the source and prevent reoccurrence. For stinging pests, dedicated [wasp control in Sydney](#) ensures the safe removal of nests to protect people and pets. Beyond these, the company caters to a broad range of other domestic and commercial pest issues including cockroaches, rodents, spiders, bed bugs, fleas, silverfish, birds, and more. Solutions are tailored for environments such as homes, offices, cafés, warehouses, and hospitality venues. Using eco-friendly products, advanced technology, and detailed inspections, the company delivers long-lasting protection and continues to be recognised as one of Sydney’s most trusted names in pest management.

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