

Canberra Homes and Termite Damage: Lessons from Real Cases

Tom's Pest Control Canberra shares real-world examples of how termite infestations are causing hidden structural damage to homes across the ACT.

CANBERRA, ACT, AUSTRALIA, December 3, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Termites remain one of the most destructive threats to Canberra homes. Despite advances in detection technology and treatment, hundreds of properties across the ACT are still affected each year. Tom's [Pest Control Canberra](#) says homeowners often underestimate how quickly termites can cause serious structural damage, with some infestations going unnoticed for years.



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A Growing Problem Beneath the Surface

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Canberra's climate, with its mix of dry summers and seasonal rain, provides ideal conditions for termites to thrive. The pests prefer moist soil and timber structures, which are common in the region's housing stock. Even small cracks in concrete slabs or gaps in foundations can provide access to a colony.

A spokesperson from Tom's said, “Many homeowners believe they'll see termites before serious damage occurs, but that's rarely the case. Termites often attack from the

ground up, feeding on timber behind walls, under floors, and inside roof spaces.”

The company's data shows a consistent increase in termite-related service requests in suburbs such as Tuggeranong, Gungahlin, and Woden Valley, especially in homes built more than 15 years ago.

Hidden Damage and Costly Repairs

Termite damage can compromise structural integrity within months. Hollow-sounding timber, soft skirting boards, and bubbling paint are often the first signs, but by then, extensive internal

damage may already exist.

“Termite infestations cause more damage to Australian homes than fires, floods, and storms combined,” the spokesperson said. “We’ve seen cases where homeowners spent tens of thousands on repairs after delaying inspection.”

Tom’s provides [termite inspection in Canberra](#) using radar-based sensors, moisture meters, and thermal imaging to detect activity without invasive drilling. These tools help technicians locate colonies early and plan precise treatments.

Real Case Study 1: The Gungahlin Townhouse

Homeowner Michael Dunn from Gungahlin discovered termites after noticing small piles of dust near a window frame. “I thought it was sawdust from renovations,” he said. “When the technician checked, the termites had already eaten through half the skirting board and part of the frame.”

Tom’s treated the infestation using bait stations placed around the property. The colony was eliminated within weeks, and a barrier treatment was applied to prevent re-entry. “They explained everything clearly and gave us a maintenance plan. It was a relief to stop the damage before it reached the ceiling,” Dunn said.

Real Case Study 2: The Woden Family Home

In Woden, a family discovered termite damage during a kitchen remodel. Beneath the cabinets, the timber frame was hollow. “The termites had been active for years,” the spokesperson said. “They had entered through a leaking pipe under the house, which created constant moisture.”



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Tom's [termite treatment in Canberra](#) involved applying a chemical barrier around the property and repairing the damaged timber. The family now schedules annual inspections as part of their home maintenance routine.

The Cost of Neglect

Many homeowners skip termite inspections because they don't see immediate signs of infestation. This false sense of security often leads to expensive surprises later. A standard inspection costs a fraction of what full structural repairs require.

"Termite management should be treated as a regular service, not an emergency fix," the spokesperson said. "If your home hasn't been inspected in over a year, you're taking a major risk."

The company advises homeowners to:

- Keep garden beds and mulch away from external walls.
- Fix leaking taps or drainage issues quickly.
- Avoid stacking timber against the house.
- Schedule a professional termite inspection annually.

Modern Detection and Prevention

Tom's uses non-invasive tools that detect termite activity before visible damage occurs. Combined with preventive treatments and soil barriers, these systems provide long-term protection tailored to local conditions.

"All our technicians are trained in modern termite control," the spokesperson added. "We use products approved under Australian standards, safe for both people and pets. Prevention is always cheaper and safer than repair."

A Message for Canberra Homeowners

Termite activity in the ACT is not slowing down. The city's expanding suburbs and older housing stock create continuous opportunities for infestations. Regular monitoring and preventive barriers remain the best defence.

Tom's recommends inspections every 12 months for most homes and more frequent checks for high-risk areas such as properties near bushland or with poor drainage.

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About Tom’s Pest Control Canberra

Tom’s Pest Control Canberra provides professional pest management services across the ACT. Their licensed team specialises in termite inspections and treatments, offering detailed assessments, preventive barriers, and eco-safe solutions. The company also addresses a wide range of other common pests such as ants, rodents, cockroaches, spiders, bed bugs, birds, fleas, and more, using advanced tools and integrated pest management for lasting results. With a strong commitment to early detection, homeowner education, and compliance with Australian standards, they help protect Canberra properties from costly termite damage and other infestations year-round through free initial inspections, transparent quotes, and reliable follow-up support.

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