

Bug Busters marks 40 years protecting Perth homes as winter termite risk climbs

Bug Busters turns 40 and issues a winter termite warning: cooler months mean expanding colonies, not dormant ones, catching WA homeowners off guard.

PERTH, WESTERN AUSTRALIA, AUSTRALIA, June 9, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- WA's longest-serving independent pest control company warns homeowners: cooler months are prime time for termite colony expansion

Perth's most established pest control company, Bug Busters, is marking its 40th year of operation in 2026, a milestone the company says underscores both the loyalty of Perth homeowners and the enduring threat pests pose to WA properties. To mark the occasion, Bug Busters is urging residents across the metropolitan area to treat winter not as a pest-free reprieve, but as the season that demands the most vigilance.

The warning centres on termites. While Perth's warm, dry summers trigger swarming and breeding activity, the cooler, wetter winter months drive a less visible but equally damaging process: underground colony expansion. Increased soil moisture allows subterranean termite colonies, the most destructive species in WA, to extend their tunnelling networks further and faster, often reaching the timber framing of homes before any surface sign appears.

"Most homeowners think pests go quiet in winter. For termites, it's the opposite," said Jordan Bull, Managing Director of Bug Busters. "The colonies don't stop. They spread. By the time homeowners see the signs in spring, the damage has already been done through autumn and winter."

Bug Busters, which has delivered [pest control in Perth](#) since 1986 with the company's founder still active in the business, has treated thousands of WA properties across more than three decades. The company's technicians say that over 1 in 4 Western Australian homes will face a termite infestation at some point, a figure that remains consistent year on year despite growing awareness.

[Termite control](#) services have accounted for a growing share of Bug Busters' enquiries in the winter months, a trend the company attributes partly to the surge in new housing developments across Perth's outer suburbs. Areas with sandy soils and high concentrations of construction timber, including newer growth corridors in the north and south of the metropolitan area, are considered particularly high-risk environments for subterranean termite activity.

Winter also drives increased ant pressure across Perth's residential areas. Argentine ants and black garden ants seek warmth and moisture inside homes during the cooler months, and Bug Busters reports that demand for [ant control services](#) consistently rises between June and August. Left unmanaged, ant trails near kitchens and roof voids can also indicate broader moisture conditions that attract termites.

Bug Busters recommends that Perth homeowners arrange an annual termite inspection regardless of whether visible signs are present. For homes in high-risk suburbs, or where a neighbouring property has had a confirmed termite infestation, more frequent inspections are advisable.

Bug Busters operates seven days a week and services metropolitan Perth and surrounding regions. Inspections and treatment options are available across all major service areas.

About Bug Busters Bug Busters has been delivering pest control services to Perth homes and businesses since 1986. 100% Western Australian owned and operated, the company offers termite treatments, general pest control, pre-purchase inspections, and pre-construction pest management across metropolitan Perth and regional WA. The company's founder remains active in the business today. For bookings and enquiries, contact Bug Busters on 08 9493 1313 or visit bugbusters.com.au.

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