HOW TO PREVENT WOOD-BORING INSECT INFESTATION AND DAMAGE

• Keep wood dry
• Paint and stain on a regular basis
• Remove and replace decayed and/or deteriorated wood
• Where practical, replace damaged wood in direct contact with the soil
• Never put untreated wood in direct contact with the soil
• Never bury scrap wood in the soil near your home
• Provide proper drainage away from your home
• Provide sufficient ventilation in basement, attic, and crawl spaces
• Keep all exterior joints (siding and trim) caulked and sealed
• Inspect crawl spaces every six months
• Remove dead and dying trees near your home
• Remove vegetation too close to your home
• Remove tree stumps
• Grade soil away from low wood areas
• Have an exterminator inspect buildings as preventive maintenance on an annual basis
• Call in a professional if you suspect problems
• Follow the manufacturer’s directions in the application of pesticides
• Maintain your inspection/ treatment/ maintenance program.