



## **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.