



# Whole-home Fumigation with Vikane®

FUMIGATION  
FACTS



## What California Homeowners Need to Know

Drywood termites cost homeowners hundreds of millions of dollars in damage each year, and they can be difficult or even impossible to find. Vikane is the only whole-home treatment proven to eliminate 100% of drywood termites because it moves throughout all wood in the house to reach them.

The following questions about fumigation are common. There is support available throughout a whole-home fumigation to help you prepare and know you've made the right choice. The answers to the following questions can provide peace of mind that all drywood termites have been eliminated through Vikane treatment, and that appropriate steps have been taken to ensure the safety of your family, pets and property.

### What is the fumigation process?

#### 1. Your home is carefully prepared and tented.

Think of the tent as a balloon; it keeps the fumigant in so the termites die.

#### 2. The tent is filled with fumigant.

The precise amount of fumigant makes its way through your home, seeking out every termite, no matter where it's hiding. Your fumigator will determine how long Vikane needs to be inside the home.

#### 3. Every single termite dies.

No more invaders hiding in your walls, eating away at your home.

#### 4. The tent is vented and your home is termite-free.

The fumigant completely exits your home, with no surface residue or living termites left behind.

### What is Vikane?

Vikane is the proven, trusted treatment used in whole-home fumigation, leaving your home 100% free of destructive, unwanted termites. And because it leaves behind zero surface residue, there's nothing left to worry about.

### What is chloropicrin?

Chloropicrin is a warning agent that deters early or accidental entry to the home. Your fumigator will make sure it is released completely from the home following fumigation.

### What precautions are taken to help ensure my family's safety?

To help ensure your family's safety, your licensed fumigator will:

- Release a warning agent to deter entry into the home.
- Secure doors on your home by using deadbolts or additional locking devices to prevent unauthorized entry.
- Open all cupboards, drawers, trunks and vaults to ensure the fumigant quickly dissipates from your home.
- Use specialized equipment to test the air to ensure the fumigant has dissipated so you may re-enter your home. The fumigant level must be below the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) requirement – 1 part per million or less – in all breathing zones. Therefore, as soon as the fumigator clears the structure, you may return to your home.



# Preparing for Whole-home Fumigation in California:

## What do I need to do to prepare for fumigation with Vikane®?

Fumigation takes some preparation on your end, but there are a few simple suggestions that can make it as successful and easy as possible. Beyond the steps outlined below, check with your fumigator for additional home preparation information.

**If you have any questions about how to prepare your home, please contact your fumigator.**

### Before Fumigation

- Make accommodation arrangements for your family and pets. Fumigation in California will typically keep you out of your home three days and two nights. **Your pest management professional will give you clear details about how long the process will take.**
- Contact the gas company to have the service shut off\* on the day of fumigation.
- Remove or prepare unsealed food and medications.\*\*
- Make arrangements for transfer of house keys with your pest management professional.
- Move indoor and potted outdoor plants away from your home.
- Open waterproof covers on all mattresses and pillows.\*\*\*

\*If not already arranged by your pest management professional.

\*\*Special bags can be used to keep unsealed food and medicines in the home during fumigation. Your pest management professional will have more information on preparing food and medicines.

\*\*\*If waterproof covers have built-in air vents, they do not need to be opened.

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### Day of Fumigation

- Give house keys to your pest management professional.
- Remove all people, pets and plants from the home and thoroughly water landscaping around the structure.
- Turn off automatic timers, heaters, air conditioning and other devices.
- Extinguish all pilot lights.
- Contact the gas company to make a service-restoration appointment.

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### After Fumigation

- Don't re-enter your home until a licensed fumigator says it's OK to do so.
- Turn devices and timers back on.
- It is not necessary to wash items such as dishes, linens and clothing. The fumigant will have dissipated from your home by the time you've returned, and it will not have left behind any surface residue.
- Enjoy the peace of mind that the termites are gone.

# What to bag or remove

Ask your fumigator to help you determine what additional items, if any, need to be double-bagged or removed prior to fumigation. A good rule of thumb is, "When in doubt, take it out." Here are some examples.

## Double-bag or remove these items:

Medicine, tobacco, vitamins and other ingestible pills, supplements and lozenges if not sealed in glass, plastic or metal jars or cans with the original manufacturer's seal intact



Pet food and animal feed in bags and boxes



Any food, feed, drugs and medicines if not sealed in glass, plastic or metal bottles, jars or cans with the original manufacturer's airtight seal intact



Chips, pasta, bread, cereals, rice, cookies, crackers and any other items packaged in plastic, paper or cardboard bags or boxes, even if they have never been opened



Beverages, snacks, sauces, drugs, medicines or other items in metallic foil-lined containers such as pouches, boxes or blister packs



Anything in resealable containers, including plastic containers, such as milk, butter, sour cream and cottage cheese



Eggs, fruits, vegetables and any other forms of produce



Use Nylofume® bags when bagging items. These are specially designed to protect your unsealed food and medicines. Your pest management professional can provide them.

## You DO NOT need to bag or remove these items:

- Any food, feed, drugs, tobacco products and medicines if **sealed** in glass, plastic or metal bottles, jars or cans with the original manufacturer's airtight seal intact
- Unopened 2-liter soda/pop, liquor, beer or wine bottles
- Unopened products such as soap
- Dental hygiene products (including toothpaste, mouthwash, dental adhesives and whitening products)
- Shampoo and soaps
- Cosmetics, including lipstick
- All externally applied lotions and ointments
- Water and ice cubes

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