

# Pest Observation Checklist

A photo is more useful with context. Use this sheet to record what you see before choosing a treatment. Keep the completed copy for yourself or share it directly with your technician.

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## Record the sighting

- ☐ Date and time:  
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- ☐ Room or outdoor area:  
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- ☐ One insect, a trail, a nest, or repeated sightings?  
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- ☐ Approximate size and color:  
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- ☐ What changed recently: rain, deliveries, travel, or landscaping?  
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## Make a useful photo record

- ☐ Take a wide photo showing the location and a separate close-up.
- ☐ Include a size reference beside the pest only when you can do so without handling it.
- ☐ Note whether the insect had wings and whether more appeared later.
- ☐ Photograph visible signs without opening walls, moving nests, or disturbing suspected termite activity.

## Check the surroundings

- ☐ Look for accessible food, standing water, leaks, or gaps around doors.
- ☐ Record the product name and date of any previous treatment for the technician.
- ☐ Note which areas you could not inspect; an unseen area is not a confirmed absence.
- ☐ Keep children and pets away from pest activity while arranging identification.

## Bring these questions to an inspection

- ☐ Which pest is confirmed, and which observations support that identification?
- ☐ Is this an isolated problem or repeated activity?
- ☐ What work is included, and what follow-up is recommended?
- ☐ What preparation or access instructions apply to the proposed treatment?

This is an observation aid, not a diagnosis or pesticide application guide. Do not handle unidentified insects or disturb a stinging-insect nest.

## Reference material

[EPA: Pest prevention and product precautions](#)

Read this resource online: <https://www.wavespestcontrol.com/resources/pest-observation-checklist/>