

## Why are homes and other structures fumigated with Vikane® fumigant?

- Drywood termites, and similar pests, do \$300 million worth of damage to California homes each year. Vikane® fumigant eliminates 100% of these wood-destroying pests in one treatment. It's an essential product for protecting homes and other structures from drywood termites.
- A home generally represents a family's single largest investment. Yet each year, more than 100,000 California homes are found infested with drywood termites or similar pests. Left unchecked, these infestations can rob families of a home's value by causing damage ranging in the tens of thousands of dollars.
- Unlike fumigation with Vikane, spot treatments require a pest management professional to find every hidden colony within a structure. But, termites conceal themselves in wood and are easily missed, or set up camp in hard-to-reach places that can't be found.
- Only whole-home treatments, such as fumigation with Vikane, offer property owners peace of mind that all drywood termites have been eliminated.
- Even when detected, termite infestations aren't always accessible to spot treatments. California Structural Pest Control Board regulations require any inspection report recommending spot treatment must contain the following statement: "Local treatment is not intended to be an entire structure treatment method. If infestations of wood-destroying pests extend or exist beyond the area(s) of local treatment, they may not be exterminated."
- Before lenders will approve a loan, it is typical for them to require homes infested with drywood termites to undergo fumigation.
- Sulfuryl fluoride, the active ingredient in Vikane, is the product used in virtually every California fumigation to protect homes and other structures against these devastating pests.
- Of available treatment options, only Vikane has been tested and proven effective throughout more than 50 years of use in over 3 million structures.
- In addition to eliminating 100% of drywood termites, Vikane also works throughout an entire treated structure to provide reliable control of bed bugs in all life stages, including eggs. There are no reports of bed bug resistance to Vikane, though the pests have, in some cases, developed resistance to other treatments. And considering Vikane does not leave behind surface residues or odor, it can effectively eliminate bed bugs infesting mattresses, linens, clothing, sensitive fabrics, electronics and other household contents. Such items cannot be treated with many insecticides that leave behind a residue and may be damaged by other types of treatment.

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