KICKOUT TERMITE INC.



FUMIGATION PREPARATION GUIDE

PLANNING • BAGGING • EXTERIOR • INTERIOR • RETURNING HOME

INCLUDES 3-YEAR FUMIGATION WARRANTY

A complete homeowner preparation guide for Vikane® structural fumigation.

Please review this packet carefully before your scheduled fumigation. All scheduling and property-specific instructions must be confirmed with Kickout Termite Inc. and the licensed fumigator.

Step 1 · Pick fumigation dates

Confirm the schedule and understand gas service arrangements

MON	Tent: Mon install → Wed removal Gas: Mon shutoff* → Wed restoration*	3 DAYS
TUE	Tent: Tue install → Thu removal Gas: Tue shutoff* → Thu restoration*	3 DAYS
WED	Tent: Wed install → Fri removal Gas: Wed shutoff* → Fri restoration*	3 DAYS
THU	Tent: Thu install → Sat removal Gas: Thu shutoff* → Sat restoration if available*	3 DAYS
FRI	Tent: Fri install → Mon removal Gas: Fri shutoff* → Mon restoration*	4 DAYS
SAT	Tent: Sat install → Tue removal Gas: Fri shutoff* → Tue restoration*	4 DAYS

! **SOCALGAS RESTORATION**

SoCalGas provides an all-day restoration window. An adult must be present or approved access arranged; ask us for a complimentary lockbox. If access or clearance is delayed, restoration may move to the next available appointment. Only SoCalGas confirms appointment dates and times.

! **SUNDAY WORK**

No Sunday tent installations. Sunday removal may be available for an additional $350 fee. Holidays can change schedules. Official fumigation clearance determines when you may reenter. *NO GAS RESTORATION ON SUNDAYS*

! **VACANT PROPERTIES**

Gas service will be shut off one day prior to fumigation. No gas restoration appointment will be scheduled by the fumigator. The property owner is responsible for scheduling gas restoration directly with SoCalGas after fumigation clearance.

Step 2 · Check availability

Plan access arrangements and complete paperwork

1 · CHECK AVAILABILITY

Call, text or email to check proposed fumigation dates. Dates remain tentative until confirmed and required authorizations are completed.

2 · ARRANGE ACCESS

Plan how the fumigation crew will access all required areas. Provide gate or entry codes when applicable. Arrange for keys to be left in a lockbox or handed to the crew when they arrive.

3 · COMPLETE DOCUMENTS

Review and sign required fumigation authorization documents and provide accurate owner/occupant information before scheduling.

4 · NEIGHBOR RELEASES

Connected structures, shared walls, attached rooflines or nearby property features may require access, authorization or additional coordination. Notify Kickout Termite early.

5 · CONFIRM DATES

Verify installation, removal, gas shutoff and restoration plans. Maintain access throughout fumigation and aeration.



Step 3 · Plan where you'll stay

Make arrangements for your family and pets

PLAN YOUR STAY

Arrange a hotel or stay with family or friends. Everyone must remain away until the licensed fumigator officially clears the property for reentry.

DON'T FORGET YOUR PETS

Remove all pets, including fish and birds, before fumigation begins. Arrange boarding or relocation for animals and any affected enclosures.

PLAN FOR CHANGES

Allow flexibility in accommodations. Weather, clearance testing and utility scheduling may change the expected return time.

BEFORE YOU LEAVE

Take medications, identification, keys, chargers, work items and other essentials needed during your stay.



Step 4 · Start preparing your home

A little preparation now makes a big difference later

USE IT UP — DON’T STOCK UP

Avoid purchasing extra consumable food, beverages and other products that must be bagged or removed. Use what you already have before fumigation.

MOVE FOOD OUT IF POSSIBLE

Consider temporarily storing consumables with friends or family. Items must be completely outside the fumigated structure to avoid bagging requirements.

BAG IT OR REMOVE IT

Consumables that require protection must be removed or properly double-bagged in approved Nylofume bags. Check kitchen, pantry, refrigerator, freezer, medicine cabinet, bedrooms and garage.

PRO TIP

Begin sorting as soon as possible. Do not wait until the night before fumigation.



Step 5 · What needs to be bagged?

When in doubt, ask before leaving anything unprotected

BAG OR REMOVE

Food items, opened or unopened, in bags, boxes, paper, cardboard or resealable packaging.
Fruits, vegetables, eggs and other unpackaged food.
Opened beverages, milk, juice, soda, sports drinks and other drinks.
Spices, seasonings, pasta, rice, flour, sugar and similar items.
Medications, vitamins, supplements and medicinal products without an original airtight manufacturer seal.
Tobacco products and pet food/treats.
Opened alcohol or alcohol without an airtight original manufacturer seal.

NO NEED TO BAG

Food and beverages in original manufacturer airtight-sealed glass, plastic or metal bottles, jars or cans.
Water and ice.
Toothpaste, mouthwash and dental hygiene products.
Shampoo, soap, hair and body-care products.
Cosmetics, lotions, ointments and external-use products.

THE KEY RULE

Items must have the manufacturer’s original airtight seal to qualify for the sealed-container exception. A lid that you can reseal yourself is not the same as a manufacturer’s airtight seal.

DON’T FORGET TO CHECK

Refrigerators and freezers · Kitchen cabinets · Kitchen drawers · Medicine cabinets · Nightstands · Children’s rooms · Office drawers · Garage and storage areas.



Step 6 · How to seal Nylofume bags



1. PLACE THE BAGS

Put one empty Nylofume bag inside another.



2. LOAD THE INNER BAG

Fill the inner bag; leave room to seal.



3. TWIST THE TOP OF THE INNER BAG

Twist the inner bag neck tightly.



4. FOLD AND TAPE THE TWISTED TOP

Fold and secure the twisted neck.



5. TWIST THE OUTER BAG

Repeat the twist, fold, and seal on outer bag.



6. FOLD, TAPE AND CHECK FOR LEAKS

Gently press the bag and check for air leaks.

IMPORTANT Use only approved Nylofume bags; do not overfill. Keep bags away from children.

Step 7 · Prepare the exterior

Clear the way for proper tarping and safe access

1 · TRIM PLANTS AND VEGETATION

Trim shrubs, bushes, vines, trees and other vegetation back approximately 12–16 inches where practical to allow tent installation.

2 · REMOVE CLIMBING PLANTS

Detach or trim back vines, climbing plants, and trellises attached to the structure to provide clear access for tent installation and removal.

3 · CLEAR THE FOUNDATION

Move gravel, rocks, mulch, bark, leaves, pots and other material away from foundation areas as instructed.

4 · MOVE ITEMS AWAY

Move patio furniture, pots, toys, equipment, firewood, storage bins and other belongings away from the structure.

5 · REMOVE STRING LIGHTS AND DÉCOR

Take down string lights, patio lights and other decorative items attached to fascia or eaves. Retract awnings.

6 · ROOF-MOUNTED ITEMS

Discuss cameras, antennas, satellite dishes and other roof-mounted equipment with the crew ahead of time. They may need to be removed or repositioned.

PLANT CLEARANCE

Where adequate clearance is not possible, plants may be damaged or killed during tenting. Discuss delicate vegetation in advance.



Step 8 · Final preparations

Complete these important steps the day before fumigation

1 · DOUBLE-CHECK EVERYTHING

Verify dates, lodging, pets, access arrangements and all prior preparation steps. Finish preparation by the day before fumigation.

2 · OPEN CABINETS AND DRAWERS

Open cabinets, drawers, closets and interior doors as directed. Make sure rooms, closets and storage areas are accessible.

3 · MATTRESSES AND WATERPROOF COVERS

Waterproof mattress or pillow covers without appropriate built-in vents need to be opened or removed.

4 · VEHICLES IN GARAGES

We recommend removing vehicles from garages and carports. If one remains inside, the crew will require full access, including the windows rolled down, unlocked doors and trunk.

5 · WATER THE SOIL

Thoroughly water soil around the foundation perimeter the evening before fumigation. This helps settle soil and reduce gas movement through the soil.

6 · UTILITY AND SIDE-GATE ACCESS

Unlock side gates and make the gas meter accessible. Remove obstructions that could interfere with access or service.



Step 9 · Fumigation day

Pack up, secure your home and leave before work begins

1 · PACK UP AND HEAD OUT

Take everything needed for your stay, including clothing, medication, chargers and essential items. Everyone must leave before the crew begins.

2 · ACCOUNT FOR EVERYONE

Confirm all family members, occupants and pets are out. Remove animals from cages, tanks and other enclosures.

3 · TAKE VALUABLES

Take jewelry, cash, credit cards, important documents, firearms and other valuables you would not want left unattended.

4 · LOCK UP AND LEAVE YOUR KEYS

Secure the home as normally required. Leave keys in the designated lockbox or meet the crew and hand them over.

5 · WAITING FOR THE CREW?

If meeting the fumigation crew, remain available until they arrive and you have provided access. Then leave before fumigation begins.

FINAL REMINDERS

Check every previous step. Keep side gates and the gas meter accessible. Turn off A/C, automatic timers, sprinklers and electric heating as applicable. Leave electricity and water service on unless instructed otherwise. Smoke alarms may activate; discuss alarm arrangements with the crew. Do not reenter until officially cleared.



Step 10 · Welcome home

Your fumigation is complete — return safely

1 · CONFIRM FUMIGATION IS COMPLETE

Tent removal alone does not mean the home is cleared. Do not enter until the licensed fumigator has completed required testing and officially cleared the structure. A clearance notice will be posted on the front door.

2 · LEAVE THE CLEARANCE NOTICE IN PLACE

Keep the clearance notice at the front entrance or gas meter until gas restoration has been completed. Gas personnel will need to see it.

3 · GAS RESTORATION

If gas service has not been restored, follow your scheduled SoCalGas restoration appointment. For vacant homes, the owner must arrange restoration directly with SoCalGas.

4 · NO SPECIAL CLEANING REQUIRED

Once properly aerated, tested and cleared, special washing of dishes, clothing or linens is not required solely because of the fumigation.

5 · UNPACK AND SETTLE IN

Remove food, medications, and other items from Nylofume bags. Return any items moved during preparation to their original locations and resume normal household activities.

6 · QUESTIONS?

Contact Kickout Termite if you have concerns or notice anything unusual after returning home.

IMPORTANT

This guide is a general preparation aid. Every structure is unique. Always follow your licensed fumigation company’s instructions and applicable product label directions.



Special Situations & FAQs

Every property is different. Disclose unusual conditions in advance so the licensed fumigator can provide site-specific instructions.

What if I have a fish tank or aquarium?

Fish, aquatic animals, and plants must be removed before fumigation. Notify Kickout Termite in advance about aquariums and associated equipment so proper arrangements can be made.

Can I leave my air conditioning or electricity on?

Electricity generally remains on during fumigation. Air conditioning, heating, and other equipment should be turned off during fumigation.

What if my home shares a wall with another property?

Notify Kickout Termite about shared walls, connected structures, common attics, or adjoining units. Additional access, coordination, or authorization may be required.

Will fumigation damage my plants or landscaping?

Plants close to the structure may be damaged during tent installation or removal. Trim vegetation as instructed and notify Kickout Termite about delicate landscaping beforehand.

What happens if it rains during fumigation?

Light rain does not necessarily prevent fumigation. Severe weather or unsafe wind conditions may require rescheduling or adjustments to the fumigation schedule.

Does fumigation leave a chemical residue?

Vikane® is a gas and does not leave a pesticide residue requiring special cleaning. Once the home has been properly aerated, tested, and officially cleared, normal household activities may resume.

What if I have a large safe?

Large safes must be opened for inspection when the fumigation crew arrives. You must be present to provide access, but no combinations or codes need to be shared or left behind. Once inspected, the safe may be closed and secured. If the safe cannot be inspected, fumigation cannot proceed due to safety requirements.

Contact Kickout Termite at (949) 550-5399. Please notify us before fumigation if you have unusual property conditions, special access requirements, or preparation concerns.