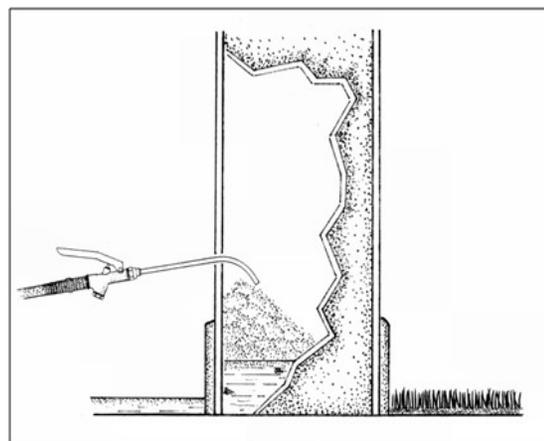




Insects and other arthropods are attracted to the microclimate, and the rough surfaces of the wood in wall voids. This space is enclosed by the studs, the sill plate at the bottom and the fire stop or cross block at the top. In exterior walls the void contains insulation, but is usually empty in interior walls. In kitchens and bathrooms wall voids can contain plumbing, and electric wires and cables are strung through most interior wall voids. Insects enter along the top and bottom edge of the baseboard, and the edge of carpeting, hardwood, and tile flooring.

Spiders and house centipedes prey on the cockroaches, silverfish, carpet beetles, and other animals that use the void as harborage. Bed bugs can travel between hotel guestrooms and apartment units through wall voids. Plumbing leaks that result in moisture-damaged wood can attract and support colonies of carpenter ants and acrobat ants. Other ants use the baseboard edge or the inside of the wall void as travel routes from outside to inside. Termites and wood-infesting beetles can infest the sill plate and studs, and their presence may remain undetected for years.



Foam application to a wall void with a Versafoamer HH

Insecticide foam and dust will control pests in wall voids, but foam is one of the most effective and efficient way of treating this harborage. Most of the products for general pest control (i.e. Termidor & Phantom) have instructions for foam application. Optigard® is specifically formulated for treating pests in wall voids, and Premise® Foam is formulated for controlling wood-infesting insects such as termites, ants, and carpenter bees. Treating a wall void delivers insecticide directly to the harborage of the target pest(s). This protected location ensures long residual activity and no exposure to people or pets. These are the optimal conditions for a service technician: dead bugs and satisfied customers.

The objective in treating wall voids is to establish an insecticide residue on the surface of the sill plate and studs, and at the ends of the studs. This is the harborage or travel route for most of the target pests. Termite infestations may extend the length of the studs, but the junction at the sill may expose mud tubes from the soil to the studs. Application begins by locating the center of the wall void and drilling a hole (3/16") through the drywall above the baseboard. The curved tip on the Versafoamer tool will direct the foam to the sill plate (while turning from side to side) as it pushes back the insulation.

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