

To Whom It May Concern:

I was recently asked by our real estate agent, Bernice DeVries, to explain to everyone the best way to report any signs of termites that we may have here in Newport Terrace. Apparently, that is an on-going concern, as probably evidenced by flying termites. They look like red ants with wings. So as you can see, they are no-doubt everywhere, or obviously will be, especially in such a wooded area.

Yet, we can't really blame Newport Terrace, for this is Southern California, everyone has them, or soon will. Yet, what should you do if you see them in and/or about your condo? How can we get rid of them? What is the best method to use? Is tenting the only real answer, or have other means proven just as successful?

Right now I will tell you that the company who is handling all our termite concerns is Pacific Coast Termite, but I would recommend not call them directly. The very best thing to do is fill out a Work Order through our Management Company, Action Management.

Incidentally, in last month's Terrace Topics Newsletter, I wrote an article on just this topic, about reporting something to and filling out an Action Work Request form.

There are a number of very good reasons to go through the correct procedures, especially when it comes to reporting termites.

One is, Action Management is currently compiling all such reports of termites, so they can all be dealt with in the most effective way. In addition, if your particular situation requires immediate attention, Action will not wait.

However, if things can possibly wait, termiting will simply be incorporated in with the upcoming and scheduled siding program.

Now it will certainly be understandable that some will want to take such matters into their own hands and try to call Pacific Coast Termite themselves, thinking they can simply bypass the system, feeling they can get this all done much quicker.

Yet, by trying to circumvent the system, some may be in for a big surprise, for in all likelihood they will receive a separate bill from Pacific Coast Termite for the work they do for them privately, which would normally be covered by the Association. From my understanding, some have tried this anyway - but with mixed results. Believe me, trying to buck an established system, is probably not going to work to your advantage.

Good luck,

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