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Recent Storms Bringing Moisture Issues to Homeowners

Local Terminix offers tips on how to waterproof under the home

GREENSBORO, NC (May 12 2008) – While April showers bring May flowers, the recent heavy rainfall in the Triad and northwest North Carolina may also be bringing homeowners unwanted moisture problems under their homes. As water tables rise, so too does the buildup of moisture in crawl spaces, sometimes causing standing water, mold and insect infestations.

While much of northwest North Carolina is still considered to be in a severe drought, abundant rainfall in April coupled with recent heavy rains and thunderstorms have refilled many of the lakes and reservoirs, and caused the natural water tables to rise. According to Terminix-Triad Vice President of Operations Burns Blackwell, the company noted a 60 percent increase in the number of moisture-related service calls during the month of April, signaling that the rains have contributed to conditions that homeowners have not had to deal with in recent times. “We’ve been in a rainfall shortage for several months now and people forget about issues that are created by abundant rain,” says Blackwell. “It’s important that homeowners continually check their crawlspaces, basements and any area where moisture and water could accumulate under the home.”

According to Blackwell, excessive moisture and humidity underneath the home creates an environment that can cause types of mold, fungi and mildew, which are potentially harmful to the health of the homeowner. In addition, insects like termites and wood boring beetles thrive in moisture-laden conditions, especially when there is wood rot present. “Having water or moisture under the home is never good, but it can be treated and prevented,” says Blackwell. “By reducing moisture, you reduce the conditions that could potentially damage your home.”

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Blackwell indicates there are several measures homeowners can take to identify and prevent moisture-breeding conditions under and around the foundation of a home:

1. Routinely check the foundation and crawlspaces for standing water or moisture.
2. Be aware of areas where the landscape slopes toward the foundation of the home and take preventative measures to keep rainfall from flowing into those areas.
3. In cases where moisture is present, immediately drain and dry the area to prevent moisture buildup, corrosion, wood rot, mildew and insect infestation.
4. Check the sprinkler system alignment to be sure that the water flow is aimed away from the foundation of the home.
5. In areas where moisture is continually present, take steps to waterproof, including installing dehumidification and sealing systems, under the home.

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