Subterranean Termites

Today on Gardening in a Minute: subterranean termites.

Subterranean termites are the most destructive and frequently encountered termites in Florida.

Subterranean termites live in colonies and feed on wood and other items that contain cellulose. They typically live in soil, tree stumps, or decaying wood.

Wood in contact with the soil, especially near a moisture source like a downspout or outdoor faucet, is susceptible to attack. However, termites can build mud tunnels or tubes to reach several feet above the ground.

Subterranean termites may be detected by the presence of mud tubes, wood damage, or swarms of flying termites.

In Florida, the peak swarming period for these termites is from January through May.
If you suspect you have a termite infestation, contact a trustworthy pest control professional immediately.

For more about termites and many other gardening topics, contact your county extension office or visit Gardening in a Minute dot com.

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