

# Preparing for Whole-home Fumigation in California:

## What Do I Need to Do to Prepare for Fumigation With Vikane<sup>®</sup> Fumigant?

Fumigation takes some preparation on your end, but there are a few simple suggestions that can make it as successful and easy as possible. Beyond the steps outlined below, check with your fumigator for additional home preparation information.

**If you have any questions about how to prepare your home, please contact your fumigator.**

### Before Fumigation

- Make accommodation arrangements for your family and pets. Fumigation in California will typically keep you out of your home three days and two nights. **Your pest management professional will give you clear details about how long the process will take.**
- Contact the gas company to have the service shut off\* on the day of fumigation.
- Remove or prepare unsealed food and medications.\*\*
- Make arrangements for transfer of house keys with your pest management professional.
- Move indoor and potted outdoor plants away from your home.
- Open waterproof covers on all mattresses and pillows.\*\*\*

\*If not already arranged by your pest management professional.

\*\*Special bags can be used to keep unsealed food and medicines in the home during fumigation. Your pest management professional will have more information on preparing food and medicines.

\*\*\*If waterproof covers have built-in air vents, they do not need to be opened.

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### Day of Fumigation

- Give house keys to your pest management professional.
- Remove all people, pets and plants from the home and thoroughly water landscaping around the structure.
- Turn off automatic timers, heaters, air conditioning and other devices.
- Extinguish all pilot lights.\*
- Contact the gas company to make a service-restoration appointment.

\*In California, this is handled by the gas utility.

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### After Fumigation

- Don't re-enter your home until a licensed fumigator says it's OK to do so.
- Turn devices and timers back on.
- It is not necessary to wash items such as dishes, linens and clothing. The fumigant will have dissipated from your home by the time you've returned, and it will not have left behind surface residues.
- Enjoy the peace of mind that the termites are gone.

# What to Bag or Remove

Ask your fumigator to help you determine what additional items, if any, need to be double-bagged or removed prior to fumigation. A good rule of thumb is, "When in doubt, take it out." Here are some examples.

## Double-bag or remove these items:

Medicine, tobacco, vitamins and other ingestible pills, supplements and lozenges if not sealed in glass, plastic or metal jars or cans with the original manufacturer's airtight seal intact



Pet food and animal feed in bags and boxes



Any food, feed, drugs and medicines if not sealed in glass, plastic or metal bottles, jars or cans with the original manufacturer's airtight seal intact



Chips, pasta, bread, cereals, rice, cookies, crackers and any other items packaged in plastic, paper or cardboard bags or boxes, even if they have never been opened



Beverages, snacks, sauces, drugs, medicines or other items in metallic foil-lined containers such as pouches, boxes or blister packs



Anything in resealable containers, including plastic containers, such as milk, butter, sour cream and cottage cheese



Eggs, fruits, vegetables and any other forms of produce



Use Nylofume® bags when bagging items. These are specially designed to protect your unsealed food and medicines. Your pest management professional can provide them.

## You DO NOT need to bag or remove these items:

- Any food, feed, drugs, tobacco products and medicines if **sealed** in glass, plastic or metal bottles, jars or cans with the **original manufacturer's airtight seal** intact (examples: unopened 2-liter soda/pop, liquor, beer or wine bottles).
- Dental hygiene products (including toothpaste, mouthwash, dental adhesives and whitening products).\*
- Shampoo and soaps.\*
- Cosmetics, including lipstick.\*
- All externally applied lotions and ointments.\*
- Water and ice cubes.\*

\*Includes opened containers

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Sealed items that will NOT require bagging:

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Opened items that will NOT require bagging:

- Dental hygiene products (including toothpaste, mouthwash, dental adhesives, and dental whitening products)
- Cosmetics, including lipstick, and all externally applied lotions and ointments
- Ice and water

Check cabinets, desks, nightstands, and other areas where food and medicinals may be stored. When in doubt, take it out. Any products not listed above that may require protection should be bagged or removed from the structure being fumigated. If you have any questions about what should be bagged, please contact your local professional pest management company at:

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# VIKANE® BAGGING INSTRUCTIONS

**Nylofume® bags:** The trusted way to protect food, feed, drugs and medicinals from fumigations with Vikane® gas fumigant.

Nylofume bags are made from a special nylon polymer film. Research has shown that these nylon polymer bags are very effective for protecting a wide variety of commodities from Vikane fumigations when used one inside the other. The Nylofume bags should be “doubled-up” before you fill them with items that need protection.

All items such as food, feed, drugs and medicinals not adequately packaged (including those items in refrigerators and freezers) must either be removed from the structure being fumigated or sealed in the protective Nylofume bags.

**TIP: Check cabinets, desks, nightstands, and other areas where food and medicinals may be stored.**



1. While bags are still empty, place one inside another.



2. Place items inside the inner bag. Do NOT overfill — leave clearance on top for closure of the bags.



3. Twist the top of the inner bag, fold once and secure the fold in place using tape or a twist tie.



4. Repeat Step 3 with the outer bag.



5. Check the seal by pressing gently against the sides of the bag and listening for air leaks. No air should be able to escape.

**Important: Keep these and other such bags out of the reach of children.**

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