Pest inspection preparation checklist

Record what you can safely observe, then bring the same facts to each provider.

Property / city / ZIP (keep your completed copy private)

Date prepared

Property type / manager contact, if relevant

1. Record the evidence before choosing a treatment

Date / time	Room or area	What you saw / how often	Photo or note reference

2. Gather information for the first conversation

- ☐ Clear photos taken without approaching or disturbing the pest.
- ☐ Dates, affected rooms and whether sightings repeat.
- ☐ Previous treatment reports, product names and termite paperwork, if available.
- ☐ Access limits: locked areas, shared walls, separate buildings or a manager's approval.
- ☐ Leaks, food sources, visible entry gaps or damage you can describe from a safe location.

Observe only: Do not disturb nests, open walls, enter unsafe spaces or seal an active animal entry to complete this sheet. It is a planning aid, not an inspection report or identification diagnosis.

3. Your main question for the inspector

During the inspection and next steps

Ask the provider to explain findings, access limits and the written plan before you book.

Provider / person inspecting

Inspection date / report reference

4. Record the provider's findings

Ask about	Provider response / report reference
Confirmed pest and evidence	
Areas inspected and areas not accessed	
Recommended work and why it fits the evidence	
What is excluded or requires another contractor	

5. Get these details in writing

- ☐ Inspection fee, treatment scope and complete price.
- ☐ Preparation, product information where applicable, and re-entry instructions.
- ☐ Follow-up dates, monitoring and what triggers an extra charge.
- ☐ Credentials appropriate to the proposed work; verify with the relevant authority.
- ☐ Renewal, cancellation and warranty conditions, including retreatment versus repair coverage.

6. Follow-up date / unanswered questions

Reference basis: EPA, Tips for Selecting a Pest Control Service; UC IPM, Hiring a Pest Control Company. Editorial worksheet by Bro's; neither source endorses Bro's or a provider.

EPA selection guidance

UC IPM hiring guidance