

Homeowner's Guide to Fumigation

How much Vikane fumigant will be used?

All of the following factors listed below are taken and entered into our FumiCal, which is a calculator designed for the pest control industry. Once all the information is inputted it will determine the amount of fumigant that needs to be introduced into the home for the eradication of target pests.

- 1. **Volume (size of the structure)** This is done at the time of your estimate. The volume is determined by measuring the dimensions of the structure.*
- 2. **Wind** – The approximate velocity of the wind is determined at the time of fumigation.*
- 3. **Seal** – The conditions of the seal where the tarp meets the ground is categorized as good, fair or poor.*
- 4. **Under Seal** This is the type of ground that the foundation of your home is built on. They are categorized as concrete slab, loam, sand, sandy loam and adobe, etc...*
- 5. **Temperature** – The approximate temperature is determined at the time of the fumigation.*
- 6. **Exposure Time** – The estimated period of time that the structure will be covered. The average amount of time that a home is covered for is approximately 16 to 20 hours. The shorter the length of exposure, the more Vikane fumigant will be used.*

After the fumigation, don't be alarmed if:

- 1. You see ants or roaches in the house. The fumigant is a gas and it does not leave any residual. Insects can enter the structure after the home is uncovered and the fumigant has evacuated. Ants in particular are attracted to the dead termites as well as other insects that have died in the structure during the fumigation process.*
- 2. You do not find and geckos or lizards dead. They can and do survive during the fumigation process due to their greater tolerance to the fumigant. Please keep in mind that our target pest is drywood termites.*
- 3. You see and find swarmers in your home after the fumigation. Swarmers usually come out during humid, windless evenings and are attracted to light. The swarmers find their way into homes from windows, doors or any opening.*