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Seasonal Crawl Space Maintenance Checklist

A guide to protecting your home's structural integrity and health.

1. Exterior Perimeter & Foundation

- **Identify Termite Mud Tubes:** Inspect inside the crawl space for pencil-sized mud tunnels. [The EPA notes these as primary indicators of subterranean termite activity.](#)
- **Check Wood-to-Ground Contact:** Ensure no wooden supports or siding touch the soil, which prevents access for [powderpost beetles](#).
- **Clear Habitat Debris:** Remove firewood, mulch, or leaf piles from the foundation to discourage rodent nesting.
- **Verify Drainage:** Confirm gutters are clear, and downspouts discharge at least 6 feet from the home to prevent crawl space flooding.

2. Interior Inspection (Pests & Structural)

- **Check for Wood-Boring Evidence:** Look for tiny exit holes or fine, flour-like "frass" indicating [powderpost beetle](#) larvae activity.

- **Locate Rodent Entry Points:** Search for chewed insulation, droppings, or nesting material. Follow [CDC safety protocols](#) if cleaning infested areas.
- **Structural Integrity Test:** Gently probe floor joists with a screwdriver. Spongy wood may indicate [wood-boring insect damage](#) or advanced rot.
- **Identify Moisture Pests:** Look for [camel crickets](#) or silverfish, which signify a humidity problem.

3. Humidity & Air Quality Control

- **Monitor Relative Humidity:** Use a hygrometer to ensure levels stay below 60%. High humidity attracts wood-rotting fungi and [water-loving pests](#).
 - **Inspect the Vapor Barrier:** Ensure your [vapor barrier](#) is properly pinned and not holding standing water.
 - **Dehumidifier Maintenance:** Change filters and ensure the condensate pump is discharging correctly outside the home.
 - **Smell Check:** Investigate any musty odors immediately, as these often signal mold growth or pest infestations.
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Professional Support

If you identify any of the red flags above, don't wait for the damage to spread.

- **Request a Professional Inspection:** [Schedule Your Free Inspection](#)
- **Structural Repair Services:** [View Repair Options](#)
- **Encapsulation Solutions:** [Learn About Moisture Control](#)