

## Pest Management

Any building type is susceptible to pest infestation and SIP construction is no different. Some suggestions are:

- = Have a pest control specialist treat the site before construction
- = Do not bury scrap wood during backfilling; seal or screen any possible entry points
- = Store any firewood away from the building
- = Keep food in well sealed containers, fix any moisture problems
- = Keep trees trimmed so they don't hang over or touch the building
- = Do not plant shrubberies within 3' of the exterior of the building
- = Keep exhaust and HVAC system filters clean and keep floors free of food particles
- = Make directed use of low toxicity pesticides in locations that are infested
- = Keep your crawlspace dry by controlling rainwater, groundwater and provide drainage for potential plumbing leaks or flooding incidents
- = Do not use a crawlspace for storage unless it is designed as a storage area with a concrete slab, a conditioning system and ready access