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What Do Termites Eat?

Short Answer Key

1. Termites mainly eat cellulose, which is found in wood and plant material.
2. Termites use their jaws to chew through wood and other tough plant materials.
3. Termites can eat wood because they have bacteria in their stomachs that help break down cellulose.
4. Drywood termites prefer dry wood, while dampwood termites prefer moist, decaying wood.
5. Termites improve soil health by recycling nutrients from dead plants and wood back into the soil.

