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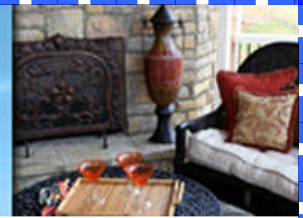
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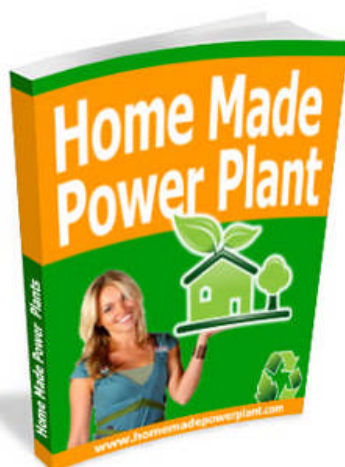




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### Termite

Even the mention of a termite can send terror into the heart of a homeowner. Many people know that a termite can cause huge damage to a home and when you take one termite and add it to another termite and then another and another and another, you might find yourself with a home that is not only unsound but extremely difficult to sell and live in. Many people know about the termite, but not many people know specifics about this pesky insect.

A termite – also known as a white ant – is a member of a group of social insects much like regular ants. They most often feed on dead plant material including wood, leaf litter, and soil. The termite can cause huge damage to structures such as houses, building, crops, and forests.

The termite superficially resembles an ant and is called a white ant only because of their social behaviors and similar size. However, the regular termite is softer, whiter, shorter-legged, fatter and generally much slower moving. In actuality, a termite is much more similar to the common cockroach. Some experts feel like the termite belongs in its own classification of insects instead of being clumped together with ants in the Hymemoptra class or a super order which contains all of them called the Dictyoptera class.

The common termite has a biting mouthpart and their soft bodies are rarely longer than one centimeter in length. As a colony, they typically inhabit dark nests and tunnels, only venturing out when the winged alates emerge to leave their parent colony, when constructing shelter or, in the case of grass- and leaf-litter-feeders, when harvesting their food. The alate is basically a baby termite growing into a full blown termite and getting ready to venture out into the world to find their own food source to decimate!

As with ants, the termite resides in a colony along with other termites. That is why they are referred to as social insects. Termite colonies can number anywhere from hundreds to even millions of inhabitants. They work together to survive and use self-organized swarm intelligence to obtain food sources and sustain the colony. Just as with ants, there is a certain hierarchy within the colony. It is usually “ruled” by a queen and there are workers, soldiers, nymphs, and reproductive termites responsible for re-populating the colony.

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While a termite is a dreaded insect for most people, they are easily recognized and easily controlled when you know that you have a problem. If you take the time to know about the common termite, see the signs that you may have a termite problem, and then take steps to alleviate the problem, you will have much luck in repairing the damage that these invading insects can do.

## **What Are Termites**

In the basic definition, termites are small, burrowing insects that eat wood – especially damp wood – and resemble small white ants. But there's so much more than that! In actuality, termites are social creatures – just like we are – that live with a specific social order to take care of the colony that they live in.

That's right – there are actually levels of termite hierarchy, just like in human life. Because they are social insects, this type of setup works best for them because they don't possess the same skills that we humans do in order to get things done. But, get things done, they certainly do!

There are basically five levels of termites: the worker, the soldier, the reproductive, the king, and the queen. Each distinctive level has its own duties when it comes to the colony. Termites have long been referred to as "little white ants", and there are a few – very few – similarities between the two species.

Ants also live in colonies with each level performing specific functions within the community. They all work together to make sure that they all live in relative peace having food and protection. Not so unlike humans, right? But termites as well as ants can be damaging to our structures which is why we don't want them around.

That's why we need to better understand how the colonies work. When we understand this part of their living environment, we can better combat them. We are, of course, talking about termites – which is what this book is about.

## **How To Detect Termites**

Besides the obvious presence of small ant-like insects or flying swarmers, you can look around your home to try and find out if termites have taken up residence with you in your home or building.

Basically, termites are discovered by property owners in one of three ways. First, when a colony swarms in the first warm part of early spring, winged adults can be seen on the inside or outside of a building moving toward the light, a window, or other lit opening.

Second, as we have already said, termites build mud tubes to travel between the ground and a structure. These mud tubes can often be found on the outside of a slab between the earth and brick line, or on piers which form the foundation of a building.

Finally, because termites like to eat the paper surface of sheetrock, pin holes are left behind when sheetrock has been damaged. There also will be some tubes in the wood indicating that termites have been eating through the wood and making their way from one side of the area to the other.

You will probably rarely see any actual termites because they tend to avoid light and open air spaces. The tunnels give them the ability to go virtually undetected while reaching their food source, wood. Therefore, destruction can be "undetected" as well.

If there is any area of your home where water has accumulated, chances are good that termites are going to be in that area. We'll talk about prevention later on, but just about the only way you can tell on your own if you have termites is to look for tell-tale signs that they may be around.

While we have already described the damage, you might be better served with some visuals to help you identify termite damage.



## **Termite Identification**

There are many things that make our homes unsafe. One of them is infestation of pests. Termites may be dwelling in the recesses of your homes without you knowing it. This article will help you with identifying them.

White ants are termites. This is the easiest and the most indication of any infestation. They are not kindred only appear at some point a bit similar. There are other means on how to verify that there are indeed termites within the structures of the building. This is a great way to keep them out or cleanse the structure. They can be treated with pesticides and other means. All that needs to be done is become aware of their survival inside the house.

Like ants they are socially structures insects. They live in colonies with a specific and unique apportioning of task. They have different classes with in the colony itself. As for how they differ from one another, their physical structure indicates which task is delegated to be performed by each one of a thousand termites. With duties to fulfill it keep the colony's survival nature created a system for these small creatures 5 different types.

The soldier termite has huge heads with fangs. They survey and assess the safety of the colony. Termites that do the actual havoc on the building's wood structures are called worker termites. They also do all the "housekeeping" inside the colony acting as nannies, and tunnel maintenance. Then there is the queen and king termite that dominate in size. The queen termite, however, is bigger than her counterpart. They keep the colony populated and somehow orderly. Yet, they are not the only ones responsible for reproduction, the winged termites also generate spawn for the colony to stay alive and keep on surviving. Obviously, they can be easily identified by their wings. As for size, they comparatively come in medium range from the queen and king termites.

These are the many different termites that compose a colony in order for its continued existence. Their organization is flawless and devised to bring desolation to any home. Bumping into a termite is not as easy as just looking at the walls. They engineer tunnels on the inner recesses of foundation structures made of wood and can be hidden from sight for years.

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They pose a great danger to the base of any building. They feast on wood surface this will eventually weaken the edifice as an effect will cause collapse of the building. This is why it is imperative to detect the existence of any termite in the house. But more importantly keeping it termite free in the first place is the best remedy. So, keep tabs on any area in the home that is conducive for termite infestation. Lastly, make doubly certain that there are no termites in the interiors of the house itself.

## Termite Illustrations

Whenever you are suspicious on having a termite infestation, owning termite illustrations available for point of reference may be a really useful tool around. You shall obtain one in several posts including your topical library. Merely seize articles about termites then view the drawn out illustrations that are rendered. Almost every library possesses copy machines which permits you to produce transcripts for a modest fee.

Furthermore and believably practically more easily obtained are the examples of termite illustrations which you can discover on cyberspace. I arranged a Google lookup. Surprisingly, I was able to chance upon unparalleled enumerates of internet site featuring termite examples. They display close-grained details of these termites and what all unique termites appear like.

You will come across, inside a colony of termites, there are 5 assorted classifications and for each one of them bears unique visual aspect of termites. Worker termites looks like ants simply are white rather than black. Less than a centimeter long having soft bodies. Soldier termites appear similar with the workers but have bigger heads with pincers which stretch out. Protecting the colony is the soldier white ants are accountable for.

Winged procreative termites are yet bigger compared to soldier termite. Their bigger, elongated body and wings are elements that distinguish them apart. Winged white ants are better-known to swarm on certain time periods of the year. They obligations are producing and egg laying which shall nurture the colony and fill again its population. The king and queen white ants are the biggest size in the colony with similarities in appearance. The king is a bit smaller as likened to the queen, has a duskier color and lengthened physical structure. The queen constitutes the biggest frame of all termites with a very large, lengthened physical structure which is milky in coloration. Both them make certain the colony is doing work swimmingly along side reproductive duties.

Once artists render termite example drawings, they attempt and include every bit as many details in their sketch as achievable in order that the regular individual will be capable of distinguishing not just the white ants as a whole, but the various termites inside the colony too. Being capable to key out unique features of the different members of a white ant colony may facilitate you understand how remote your crisis has incurred. When you compare your pests to

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the white ant illustrations you have compiled, telling the eradicator how severe the problem is, they can then devise a plan to eliminate the infestation.

Search for illustrations of termite where you can then keep them available for effortless consultation. It's a proficient idea whenever you possess some structures or plow land crops since termites could wreak desolation prior to you even recognize it.



## **Termite Appearance And Morphology**

Awareness of termite, a.k.a. white ant, visual aspect and morphology is intrinsic in identifying these blighters in their ultimate colony eradication. Just about every person imagines termites as in the form of little white ants. Yet in reality, their morphology and appearance is much further than illustrating them in that manner. As a matter of fact, the usual termite alone on the surface looks like actual ant. In general, the usual impression of any ordinary person is that all termites are white ants due to their similarities in physical measurement and natural habitat.

Compared to ants, these pests survive in identically specified structure colonies. Every bit of termite features a special occupation to perform in order to realize the colony function. Termites known as "Worker" fetch food repeatedly into their colony. These types of termites brawl the most havoc to structural shelters not to mention crops. Termites "Soldier" guard the colony away from aggressors. They possess very strong jawbones and can induce harm to anyone attempting to demolish the colony. Termites that have wings and lay eggs, "Reproductive", are disposed to replenish their species with new generation for the colony so it will keep growing. The executive body of their organizational chart is both king and queen who rule and keep the order of their colony. As a ruling class both are accountable for making predestined orderliness so as for the colony to stays on with all its members are performing their tasks.

When it pertains to termite morphology and appearance is referred to, this pest is more flaccid, whitish, short-legged, plumper and more often than not practically more sluggish in locomotion. Altogether, they are not justifiably nearly kindred to ants. Real ants species, side-by-side with wasps and bees, traces back to Hymenoptera order. Yet the so called white ants are much more approximate to roaches and mantis. As all of the three are occasionally clustered into Dictyoptera, a superior insect order. Roughly a number of scientists sustain conclusions that termites must be categorized as a class Termitidae inside the Blattodea, a roaches' order.

Termites feature biting mouth components, and their flaccid organic structures are miniature, seldom across 1cm long. Normally, they will inhabit gloomy nests and burrows solely staking out once the wing-shaped ablates comes forth to exit the nurturing colony, while building shelter or once reaping their food sustenance.

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The organic structure of taking flight termites in color are blacker though the termites that stay in the mound are broadly snowy colored with just their heads bearing vividness. The flanks of termites are elongated and narrow in duos that are likewise sorted and shaped. Deducted from featuring balanced wings, the reference of the Order they belong to can be easily identified. Isopteran are equal winged termites. The fenders are rapidly cast off after a trajectory with a mere body snap. Once, the herding termites encounter a fresh nest land site they start to pair up, and entrench to build colony. The leftovers of termite fenders are a clear-cut triangle; only they are minuscule, so try not to search one overly laborious!

Well-educated on termite morphology and appearance may serve identify pests in and around wooden based structures and in farm crops. When you are capable to nail down by yourself that you experience a termite infestation, you will be able to conduct measures to annihilate them prior to their efforts to bring mayhem to all types of wooden materials and other food sources which they will corrode on.

## **St. Pete Termite**

If you live in the great state of Florida and find that you have a termite problem, you are very lucky since you have easy access to one of the premier termite eradication companies in the state – St. Pete Termite. This amazing company is located in St. Petersburg, Florida and is a member of the Fumigation Advisory Council of Florida. St. Pete Termite has also received numerous awards including the prestigious Commitment to Excellence Certification in tent fumigation by Dow Agro sciences.

St. Pete termite has been in business since 1946 and has committed themselves to providing termite fumigation services to the people of Florida on a large scale. They have state of the art technology for termite and general pest control and keep up-to-date with any new technologies that might come about from research and testing in the field of pest control. Their employees are highly trained and they offer up guarantees that assure you will be getting the best service and rid you of your pest problems.

When St. Pete Termite was founded, their owners wanted to fill a gap in the pest control industry. What they wanted to do was give Floridians a choice in who they wanted to take care of their termite problem – a company who could do the job effectively versus a company who could come into your home and do the best they could without any type of promise or guarantee that the job would be done correctly and efficiently.

One of the great things about St. Pete Termite is that they specialize in tent fumigation. What that means is that if you have a termite infestation, they will come in and spray your home with the most effective chemicals on the market. They will then erect a tent around the area that has been treated and allow those chemicals to go to work and get rid of your termite problem.

This company is one of the premiere termite and pest control companies in the greater Tampa Bay area. They have successfully fumigated all sorts of structure like high-rise towers, commercial buildings, boats, condominiums, and even mobile homes. St. Pete Termite is a company that takes pride in their work and does every single thing that they can do to eradicate a termite problem and save your structure.

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Something to keep in mind about St. Pete Termite is that they are fully licensed and sanctioned in the state of Florida. That means that the Florida government deems them able to provide the services that they advertise and that they do so with an amazing sense of accuracy. If you are in Florida and want to contact St. Pete Termite, go to their website at [www.stpetepest.com](http://www.stpetepest.com).



## Treating For Termites

While you can try treating your house for termites yourself, you will probably want to leave it up to a professional so that you know it's done right. There are many pest control companies who specialize in termite eradication and control. Much like choosing a termite inspector, you want a company you can trust.

Again, ask for credentials and certifications. See if the company is a member of any pest control societies and organizations. Do they have recommendation letters from previous customers? If so, ask to see them. They'll probably be more than willing to whip them out for you. You can even take it a step further and call the Better Business Bureau to see if any complaints have been filed against the company.

You'll probably want to know what the company will do to get rid of your termite problem. The easy thing to do is just ask them for a complete explanation of their treatment methods. But we'll cover some of them in this section if, for nothing else, just general information so you know what they are talking about.

If you have a particularly bad termite problem, the exterminator may suggest that you have a tent fumigation done. This is for bad infestations that extend throughout the structure, and it is probably the most radical of all termite treatments.

With tent fumigation, you will be required to leave your home for a minimum of three days. The chemicals that the company uses are strong although they won't cause damage to anything in your home except for exposed food.

Termite baiting is becoming increasingly popular as a way to treat for and prevent termites. Instead of attempting to protect a structure by creating a barrier between it and the termites, baiting targets the termites themselves. Termite baits are designed to suppress or eliminate the termite colony living in the soil.

Commercial termite bait systems are a relatively new technology. The most widely used bait products are applied very similarly. The initial installation of any baiting system involves plastic

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stations being inserted into the ground around the periphery of the structure approximately every 10 feet.

Inside these stations are untreated wood monitors. The stations are usually inspected every month for termite activity. If live termites are found in the station, toxic bait will be placed inside and the infested monitor may or may not be removed.

The idea is to get the termites that have been recruited to the wood monitor to now pick up the bait instead. Certain bait products are intended to be used by themselves, while others can be used in combination with spot applications of liquid termiticide (applied only to areas where termites are active) or a complete liquid treatment.

## **Do-It-Yourself Termite Treatment**

We are increasingly becoming a world of people who like to do things ourselves. Whether it's because we want to save money or just like the satisfaction of taking care of our own things, sometimes we like "getting our hands dirty" and learning how to do new things.

Even termite treatment is possible for the avid do-it-yourselfer. There are a variety of commercial products on the market with professional strength that you can use. They are available in many places, but we suggest you look in a home improvement store to find the best selection.

There are two ways you can approach do-it-yourself termite treatment: termite baiting and chemical application.

Let's first take a look at termite baiting. Since this is probably the easiest way to approach do-it-yourself termite control, it seems like a logical place to start. You won't be working directly with chemicals, so it is probably the safest way to start as well.

Take a quick survey of your property. Draw a rough graph of the home. On this graph...you can show locations of doors, windows, gutter down spouts, air conditioning drains, stumps, firewood, bushes, etc.

As you walk around the perimeter of your home, take note of damp conditions which are conducive to termites caused by shade, poor drainage, air conditioner condensation, etc. Mark these on your graph.

As a rule, you should position bait stations at 8-10 feet intervals. However areas that are conducive to termites such as the following conditions, it would be advisable to have bait positions placed at closer intervals.

## **Termite Prevention**

Keeping termites away from your home in the first place can be the best way to save money although you will still want to have at least annual treatments to make sure that they don't come around in the first place. But taking measures to be sure that conditions are not conducive to their survival just makes sense.

First, don't feed them. Whether you know it or not, by having certain conditions present in and around your house, you are giving the termites a food source that will sustain the colony and keep them reproducing making more and more termites that will damage your home.

Keep your gutters clean. Wet leaves provide moisture and food for the pests, and since the gutters are attached to your home, it's an easy point of entry. Clogged gutters can also contribute to moisture problems by soaking wood off the roof and fascia boards.

Wood piles and construction debris, boards left touching the ground or fences without proper ground clearance can all be food sources. Cardboard is also a favorite food of termites and damp cardboard around or under a house could provide an ideal opportunity for termites.

Building a deck? Make concrete barriers part of your plan and be sure to use borate-treated, pressurized wood. The USDA's Forest Service has a bulletin on subterranean termites with helpful hints on construction practices.

Your contractor may also have suggestions for preventing termite infestations. Stucco facades extending near or into the soil surface provide a haven for termites, allowing them to move into a home undetected.

Termites love moisture which is why they feed on damp wood. Make sure the air conditioner tank is at least four inches from your house. Don't let it leak near your house. Dryers should vent away from the house -- the warm air is moisture-saturated from dried clothes. Washers should drain away from the house, too.

Check for leaky faucets and make fixing them a priority. Flat roofs are a bad idea; they harbor moisture and invite infestation.

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Summer sprinkler play is fun for kids, but make sure the faucet is turned off --tightly -- after the water games are finished. Insulation around pipes should not extend all the way from the house to the soil. After cold spells are over, the insulation should be removed or at least have a gap large enough to allow homeowners to detect termites.



## **Infrared Technology In Termite Detection**

One of the most exciting innovations in the pest control industry is the use of infrared technology and termite inspection. Infrared technology is used to detect heat in small spaces and is perfect for use in the termite inspection because it can detect colonies that are massed together and make it easier for the pest control operator to pinpoint the location of the infestation and effectively get rid of the problem in one fell swoop.

Finding termites can be difficult, yet knowing where they are located is important when deciding on the correct eradication program. The traditional method is to simply tap on the wood with the back of a screwdriver, or to poke holes in walls or even pull them apart.

Infrared technology and termite inspect now offers a new, high technological detection system that is quick, effective and does not require any damage to houses.

Infrared technology and termite inspection is being used with an increased frequency because it can easily detect the presence of termites by simply inserting a small camera at the end of a thin rod and then manipulating the camera around to find the termite swarms.

Because termites mass together to work on the wood, where there is one, there is always more. That's why infrared technology and termite inspection go hand in hand.

Thermal imaging technology detects heat patterns. When termites invade buildings, the normal heat patterns of the walls, floors and roof are changed due to the presence of termites. The thermal camera records this change in heat patterns and indicates the exact location of any termite infestation.

A color image shows hot spots as red or yellow and cold spots as blue or purple and these heat patterns indicate termite infestations. That means that infrared technology and termite inspection can be much more effective than the normal ways of doing a termite inspection.

However, termites are considered cold blooded insects, so how can they generate heat? Termites are hosts to bacteria, which live in their gut, and these bacteria help break down and

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digest cellulose, the main component of wood. It is this digestion and chemical reaction that generates the heat.

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Thermal imaging technology detects heat patterns. When termites invade buildings, the normal heat patterns of the walls, floors and roof are changed due to the presence of termites. The thermal camera records this change in heat patterns and indicates the exact location of any termite infestation. A color image shows hot spots as red or yellow and cold spots as blue or purple and these heat patterns indicate termite infestations. That means that infrared technology and termite inspection can be much more effective than the normal ways of doing a termite inspection.

However, termites are considered cold blooded insects, so how can they generate heat? Termites are hosts to bacteria, which live in their gut, and these bacteria help break down and digest cellulose, the main component of wood. It is this digestion and chemical reaction that generates the heat. That's why infrared technology and termite inspection makes the location of termites much easier thus allowing the pest control company to target the specific areas where termites are located and make the treatment effective. The pest control company that pairs

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infrared technology and termite inspection together is one that is highly effective and employing the latest tools in pest control so that they can do a great job for you – the consumer.

## **Infrared Cameras Find Areas Of Heat**

The detection of heat by infrared cameras enables the discovery of termite identification, and the termites themselves are breathing organisms so their bodies contain heat. There is never a single termite – they move around in hundreds so the infrared camera is able to spot them in a group because of the heat from their bodies. A tube with a camera is penetrated into a particular area and the heat that comes out shows that there is a termite infestation.

Infrared cameras and termite identification have been a great breakthrough for all pest control experts and the new and easier method to determine termite infestation is something they welcome. Other methods have proved to have disadvantages, and although the patent is still pending, the infrared cameras is the single most advantageous method of identifying termites and dealing with termite infestation before it gets out of hand and causes irreparable damage to the wooden structure.

## **Termite Damage**

There is an immense need to keep the home structure safe from the devastation termites bring in. This article will discuss on how to detect their existence inside the home.

One of the most important safety precautions all home owners must bear in mind is the strength of all structural parts of inside the house. One weak link may lead to very grievous consequences that may take a life if not considered carefully. Earthquakes and other natural calamities may cause the weak structure to doom bringing the house down, literally. In this respect, termites are one of home owner's worse enemies in wreaking the structures of a house. They can quietly invade any house that is prone to creating a comfy habitat where they can live and feast on. For this same reason that regular inspections are necessary, especially if you have a house made of wood.

The responsibility in safekeeping the home is in the hands of its owners, all the time. First is taking notice and knowing the composition of the house. What is the structure made of? Then one can go from that point on. There are pest control companies who offer their services to those homes that are easy targets for termites. They do inspection and eradication of pests as well as control the premises. Yet they don't come cheap. That is why it is best to take on the job in checking up if there are termites within the building.

Termites are often referred to as white ants. Their resemblance to these insects will help detect it if one is trying to come across them. They have winged versions that also live among the colony. Therefore, if there is a peculiar white ants swerving around the building, chances are there are termites that live amongst you. If you are expecting to find them prancing around the house, you'll be disappointed. These termites are all about conspiracy. They don't like being detected. They travel in the most clandestine tactic. Very impressive engineers in their own right, they use wood specs, mud and some other particles to create passage ways that look like tubes inside wooden walls, ceiling and building foundation.

These are good indicators that the house is infested, whether you are presently living in it or planning to do a purchase. If you're the later, then look for traces of trails the termites left behind. These tunnels after years of being demolished still leave traces in the wooden surface. Though the house is termite free when buying it, at least, you may device a cautious effort to

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prevent them from coming back. They usually love to dwell in damp or moist wooden surface. With this in mind, deterrence for reoccurrences must be the main focus to protect the structure of the building.

Knowing the enemy is the first and most important strategy in battle. But, as everything else in life goes, prevention is better than cure. So, before your house become a victim of pests keep an eye on the surrounding environments and check-up on all possible termite habitats within and outside the home.



## **The Real Truth About Termite Damage**

So you want to know the real truth about termite damage? Can you handle the truth? The only reason we ask is because it really is disturbing when you think about these unwelcome guests coming into your home and eating to their heart's content without even bringing a dinner gift.

Some estimates place the annual damage to homes at over \$500,000. Others say it is well over a million dollars. Most of the worst termite damage is located in the Southeast portion of the United States as well as arid savannah regions in places like Africa and Australia.

It doesn't matter where you're located, termite damage can be utterly devastating for the homeowner. It is true that the worst damage can take years to cause problems, but still, that damage can cause a home to become unsafe to live in.

One woman tells us that she had no idea about the amount of damage a termite can do. She never even thought about it until she felt a floorboard that was loose. She went outside and saw a swarm of bugs around the foundation of her house, and she began to do some research.

A pest control company was called in and she found out that she did, indeed, have a termite infestation. What surprised her the most was when the termite inspector showed her the amount of damage that a termite could do as she looked into the hole the inspector had cut into her wall. She was amazed and shocked.

Not only will termite damage cause a structure to be unstable, it can – and, if left untreated – even cause the structure to collapse around you. It's frightening when you think about it.

Those worker termites get inside your home and start burrowing through the studs, the door frames, and the drywall of your home.

They gnaw through the material your home is made of and make trails through the wood that can weaken the wood itself causing problems with the integrity of the wood.

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The amount of damage a termite can do is multiplied by the fact that there is more than one termite working on the wood. They work together to get food for the colony and thus cause a huge amount of damage to your structure.

That is why it is so important to pay attention to what is going on around your home and always check for signs of termite damage. Many people don't do this. They just sit around hoping that their home is safe.

## **Pictures Of Termite Damage**

It is important that you educate yourself regarding the damage that termites can do to the wood structure in your home – you can go on the Internet and see the graphic pictures of the damage created by termite infestation. By being informed you can take action to keep termites away.

### **Pictures On The Web Of Termite Damage**

If you have a suspicion that your home has a problem with termites, it would help you to have pictures of termite damage so that you can look for this in your own home. By comparing the pictures to what you see in your home, you will be able to assess your problem and take the necessary steps to eliminate it.

The damage caused by termites to the wood in the structure of your home can be overwhelming. In fact, they can gnaw at the very foundation of the home causing it to weaken and make it unsafe to inhabit. It will also cost an enormous amount of money to repair the damage. You can look for pictures of Termite damage on the Web and the details will be devastating.

Another disconcerting thought is that the pictures that you see on Termite damage can take place in your own home and you are probably totally unaware of it. Any wood structure can be damaged totally by termites – you should be aware that it is not a single termite but hundreds of them known as worker termites – they gnaw through the wood and feed the colony.

### **Advantages Of Termite Pictures**

The pictures that you see on the Web of the damage done by termites and the destruction that they cause can help you to compare them to your own home if you suspect that there is a termite problem that you have to deal with. There is a trail left by these insects when they are attacking a certain area. Looking at the pictures of the devastation caused by termite damage, you can pin it down to your own home. Once this is done, you can call in the experts who will assess the situation and advise you on how to eliminate them.

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The pictures that you see on the Web will show you the extent of the damage that these small creatures can create – by destroying the very foundation of your home, you will find that it is extremely unsafe to live in if the problem is not dealt with and allowed to spread. The scary fact is that unless you actually see the pictures and the damage that they cause, you may be blissfully unaware of what is going on in your house. The longer it is neglected the more dangerous it is for you to live there. It is absolutely essential that you view these pictures and educate yourself as to what to look for - once it is established that you have termite infestation, you can consult a professional and take their advice on how to handle the situation and be termite free.

## **Effect Of Termite Damage**

You may be surprised at the devastating effect of termite damage on a building. When you have a swarm of termites, they can eat through whole wood beams and cause such problems with the structure of the building that could make it uninhabitable. The effect of termite damage often takes a period of several years to cause serious structural problems which is why you need to really pay attention to what's happening inside your home when it comes to inspecting the building for termite damage and take steps to control that damage before it does become a huge problem.

Even though these small little insects are less than a centimeter in length, the effect of termite damage on a structure can be huge and very expensive.

As a property owner, you should know what to look for when doing an inspection of your property to see if you have a termite problem. If you don't take steps right away to inspect for a possible termite infestation, the effect of termite damage on your structure could get out of control before you even know it. Start by looking around the outside of your home near the foundation where the soil meets the base of the home. Termites can enter a home through the smallest opening, so pay special attention to any cracks in the foundation and fill those cracks with an appropriate filling agent to keep the termites from getting in.

Another effect of termite damage can be the presence of termites in places where you cannot readily see as in the crawl space or in the walls of a home. This invisible damage can be difficult for the everyday person to see which is why it is a good idea to have a professional termite inspection done on your building for peace of mind. Plus, a licensed professional can point out the obvious effect of termite damage and make suggestions as to how you can take steps to correct the problem.

You may also want to look at pictures that show the effect of termite damage on a building. We're willing to bet that once you see how termites can wreak havoc on a structure, you'll want to take care of the problem immediately. The effect of termite damage can be stopped, but only if you take steps to do so as soon as possible. Check it out and then take action!

## **Amount Of Damage A Termite Can Do**

Termites can be destructive! In order to prevent a termite infestation, you will need to call professionals to get rid of them, as the longer you wait, the greater the damage and you will end up spending more money than you bargained for.

### **The Damage Caused By Termites**

It is impossible to imagine the destruction that can take place in your home if termites get into your wood structure. These insects are so tiny but the damage they create is enormous. There are hundreds of them working on the wood – they are known as the worker termites – they eat right through the wood in order to feed the entire colony. This is the reason that you need to eliminate them with the help of professionals as they can destroy the entire wooden structure.

Termites are attracted to cellulose material and wood and are drawn to damp wood in places that are dark and away from light. They seep right through the wood and make lines – this can harm the wood by weakening it. It has to be understood that it is not just a single termite that gnaws through the wood but hundreds of them, as they are providing food for the whole colony and so your structure is slowly but surely destroyed.

### **Places That Are Targeted By Termites**

There are certain areas that termites go for – like window sills, wooden beams and door frames. These are the areas that you need to examine in order to determine whether you have a termite problem. The damage caused by termites is overwhelming, and in order to save your home one of the foremost things you should do is make a study and research everything that is available on the subject of termites, so that you are able to deal with the problem effectively.

There is the story of a woman who did not know the extent of the damage caused by termites until she found a floor board loose. She discovered a whole lot of bugs swarming around the foundation of her home. She began to read as much as she could on the subject and brought in the Pest Control. The Inspector showed her a hole in the wall and she was amazed to see the damage that was caused by these termites.

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It is an established fact that termites can wreak havoc in a home, so there is no point in dwelling on it – it is important to find out everything you can on the subject. You can either visit a library for relevant information or go on the Web where you will get detailed information on the subject including who to contact. Professional help is a priority as you will need to nip it in the bud – waiting can only cause more damage and cost you an enormous amount of money. So get started and eliminate the problem once and for all.



## **Can A Termite See?**

Termites are blind, but there are some of the female species that have eyes and wings, but normally termites cannot see. They bore into wood for food to feed the colony. It is best to get all the information you can on these creatures that can cause so much damage to your home.

### **The Termites Vision**

It has been asked if a termite can see – the fact is that they are blind, but the reproductive ones may have eyes and wings, but by and large they cannot see. They move to homes and are attracted to damp and wet places. They bore holes into the wood and cause a great deal of damage to the wood structure.

Since termites are blind, they really have no particular direction as to where they are heading for their food. They keep moving along and if they find a heap of wood in your yard, they will head there. They have no particular preferences – when they are tired of the heap of wood they will move on to another place in your home – they are particularly attracted to damp, wet and dark places. Moving right across your compound may seem like a long journey for them.

People ask if a termite can actually see – this is because they want to prevent the damage that they cause to their homes and would like to find effective ways of totally eliminating them from causing further destruction. Since they cannot see, they depend on their sense of touch. They are attracted to wet and damp areas particularly damp wood. Ensure that there are no leaks in your yard and that the soil is not soggy under your house. In fact, it would be better to do away with soil near the foundation of your home.

In order to decorate, you may use wooden mulch for the purpose of landscaping. If this is the case, you will need to make sure that the mulch is far away from the foundation; otherwise the termites will bore right through the mulch. Stone is the best for landscaping – this will not attract termites as they will go for wood.

There are innumerable books on termites and the damage that they can cause in a home or building. Consulting Encyclopedias is an excellent way of gaining all the knowledge that you can

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on the subject of termites as these insects can eat right into the wood structure of your home causing irreparable damage and a vast amount of money.

You can also go on the Web for more information and you will probably be able to see graphic pictures of the damage they can cause in your home. Very often, you may not even be aware that they are in your home. By being informed, you are prepared and when you inspect your home for trails that the termites will leave, you will be able to decide whether you have a termite infestation, and this will enable you to consult professionals who will advise you on how to treat and eliminate them.

## **Allstate Indemnity Coverage And Termite Damage**

There are many questions that have arisen in our courts regarding Allstate indemnity coverage and termite damage that have caused policy holders some real headaches. Basically, an indemnity policy is a protection against future loss for a property owner that may be filed by another person. Most of the time, a problem comes into play during a real estate transaction in the case of termite damage. In fact, there was a case involving Allstate Indemnity Coverage and Termite Damage that was filed by a buyer against a seller several years ago.

Essentially what happened in that case is that the buyer of a piece of property found out that there was termite damage to a home. They sued the sellers for not disclosing the problem at which time, the seller tried to fall back on their Allstate indemnity coverage and termite damage clause in the policy. Allstate denied the claim thus making the seller responsible for fixing the damage and compensating the buyers. The buyers also had Allstate insurance and tried to file against their own homeowner's policy which was also subsequently denied.

At that point, the buyers and sellers teamed up to file their own suit against Allstate for breach of conditions in the policy that they believed covered them against structural damage due to termites. Allstate, of course, fought back and argued that a homeowner's policy generally doesn't cover termite damage to a structure and will pay only if another party is harmed. The Allstate indemnity coverage and termite damage clause did not, they argued, cover pre-existing termite damage and no one was physically injured so the lawsuit should be dismissed.

After a lot of legal wrangling, a settlement was reached, but that lawsuit caused a lot of insurance companies to more specifically spell out the exact terms of their indemnity coverage when it comes to termite damage. The Allstate indemnity coverage and termite damage case made a lot of homeowner's policies change quite a bit and now most indemnity policies don't offer much coverage at all unless there is physical injury directly caused by termite damage on a property.

Allstate indemnity coverage and termite damage actually did many homeowners a favor by spelling out specifically what is covered and what is not.

## **Bayer Termite Control**

One of the most well-known pest control chemical companies in the pest control business is Bayer Termite Control. The Bayer Termite Control Company produces one of the most trusted and most effective chemicals in the termite eradication business – Premise. This chemical has been proven to get rid of termites effectively with just one application and then with annual applications, it can keep termites away for good.

The Bayer Termite Control Company has worked hard to develop the Premise chemical for termite control and they have come up with a product that is trusted by pest control companies all over the country. Bayer termite control conducted extensive studies on the Premise product before they released it for sale over seven years ago. What they found was that Premise performed much better than comparable chemicals on the market which was very exciting for them.

After releasing Premise for commercial use, Bayer termite control almost instantly became one of the most trusted and respected termite chemical company in the business. They pride themselves on their products and even offer an iron-clad guarantee to companies who use their product.

Part of the Bayer termite control guarantee has terms and conditions of the guarantee that states in effect if Premise fails to stop termites at any time within seven years of initial treatment, Bayer termite control will reimburse up to one hundred percent of product and labor costs involved in re-treatment to a maximum of \$1000 for residential accounts and \$5000 for commercial accounts.

Bayer termite control will also guarantee to pay the termite controller's damage claim insurance deductible up to \$500 per structure". It is a condition of this guarantee that annual inspections are carried out by the same company installing the Premise termiticide soil treatment. There are very few companies who are that confident of their product that they will offer up a guarantee that is as good as this one!

When you use the Premise chemicals produced by Bayer termite control, you can be assured that you are getting effective treatment of your termite problem and that the problem will not be

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coming back! Not only is that peace of mind, that is unfailingly knowing that your home will be protected from termite damage because you were smart enough to trust a company like Bayer termite control. You've made an investment in your home, so you owe it to yourself and your home to use the best products to keep it safe and sound. Using Bayer termite control is a good choice!

## **Building Structural Repair For Termite Damage In NJ**

Just as in all parts of the country, finding a company that can do building structural repair for termite damage in NJ isn't a difficult thing to do. There are many pest control companies that will assess your home as well as the damage that has been done. Then it is up to you to find a contractor that specializes in building structural repair for termite damage in NJ. A general contractor will do, but it is best to find a company that has experience in this specific type of construction.

Termites can do some pretty devastating damage to a structure that can result in thousands of dollars of damage. They eat through the wood that frames the home or building making the structure un-solid and thus dangerous to inhabit. That is why it is so important to have that damage fixed as soon as you find it and have it assessed. The first step you should make when looking for a place that will do building structural repair for termite damage in NJ is to look in the Yellow Pages or online and call them for estimates. Most companies will do a free estimate and give you a ballpark idea of how much it will cost to repair the damage done by the termites.

You should get several estimates first and then look into the company's credentials. Are they members of any professional associations? Are they licensed, bonded, and insured? Will they offer any type of guarantee for their work? Ask questions about what specifically is going to be done to repair the damage. You don't want any surprises when they show up to work. They will be able to tell you if you will be able to remain in the building or if you have to vacate it during the repair process.

We were able to find many places that offer building structural repair for termite damage in NJ just by doing a quick Google search. Check out these company's websites and see what they have to offer. You may also want to ask your pest control company who they recommend. They work with these types of contractors all the time, and will probably be able to point you toward a reputable company.

Finding a good, reliable company for building structural repair for termite damage in NJ really is not a difficult proposition. Use all the resources you have at your fingertips and choose a company based on reputation, guarantee of service, and your comfort level in working with

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them. You'll be able to have a few choices in those who specialize in building structural repair for termite damage in NJ, so look around and take your time – but not too much time! If you have termites present in your building, they will continue to do damage until they are removed!



## **Do It Yourself Termite Treatment**

In general, it is not recommended that you undertake a do it yourself termite treatment program for termite infestation. Getting rid of termites requires the use of powerful chemicals and it can be dangerous for anyone to try and manipulate these chemicals without the special training that goes along with them. A do it yourself termite treatment program also requires that you know what areas around your structure to target so that you can be most effective in getting rid of these pesky insects.

However, if you are an avid fan of doing things on your own, you can try a do it yourself termite treatment, but do so with the most information you can get first. You must know where the termites are (if you already have them) and where to target to get rid of them. If you are just doing a preventative do it yourself termite treatment, you'll have to know what areas to spray so the termites won't come in and start infesting your structure. If you miss even one small space, you will risk a termite invasion, so you must be well prepared and thorough.

First, you will need to find some type of pesticide product. There is a very helpful website online at [www.doityourselftermitecontrol.com](http://www.doityourselftermitecontrol.com) that offers up not only advice for a do it yourself termite treatment program, but they also offer the appropriate chemicals you will need to get the job done. Their latest recommendation is a chemical called Termidor which has been proven to be one hundred percent effective in tests and trials at environmental test sites. That's one heck of a guarantee, isn't it?

Many do it yourself termite treatments call for the use of termite baits. Instead of injecting chemicals into the soil which will only last a few years, you can now place termite bait directly into the ground around the outside of a structure which the termites will find, feed on and die. The technology of termite bait systems are constantly changing and improving.

Baiting colonies of termites is simple and can also be used as a monitoring tool to detect termites where they are not yet a problem. Termite baits eliminate and control in conditions where the structure is untreatable with soil termiticides (near a body of water for example), or there is a concern about pesticide use, and even in structures where soil treatments have failed.

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Just take caution when you are undertaking a do it yourself termite treatment. Often, it is best left up to professionals, but you can do it yourself as long as you do your research first and take caution with the chemicals you must use.

## **Eliminate Termite Control**

When you have termites, it can be devastating to your home, but when you eliminate them with termite control products and chemicals, you will be taking responsible steps towards protecting your property and keeping your home safe and sound. It is possible to eliminate termites with control procedures done by a licensed, professional pest control company.

The process of eliminate termite control aims to completely get rid of the termites that are currently infesting the home or structure. The earlier you get to an infestation, the better chance you have to eradicate them and start on a prevention program that will keep them from returning. Eliminate termite control procedures usually involve the use of chemicals that are sprayed around the foundation of the structure as well as into the walls where termites like to live.

You can actually take some steps to eliminate termite control and the need for drastic measures that may have to be taken on your home. Take a good look at the foundation of the structure and note any cracks that may have formed. Use a good filler to seal off the cracks as these are where termites like to enter the home.

Look for areas where the soil meets the foundation and also note any places where moisture has accumulated near wood. Termites feed on damp, wet wood and drift toward where the wood is made weak and where it is easier for them to tunnel. Use a protective barrier in the form of a chemical treatment and take steps to seal off any places where water can seep underneath the house.

Eliminate termite control will take care of getting rid of an existing termite infestation, but the only way you can effectively control any incidence of re-occurrence is with annual preventative treatments by a pest control company. You can do everything possible to eliminate termite control problems, but without preventative treatments, you may find that you will pay more money to get rid of these pests than what you will pay if you just take the time to have annual termite treatments.

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You will never eliminate the need for termite control. As a responsible home or building owner, you must think about these pests that like to take control of the wood in your structure and devastate it making your building unsound and unsafe to inhabit. Take steps to eliminate termite control problems right now and be sure that your home or building is kept safe.

## **Homemade Termite Killer**

For those people who are ecologically conscious, finding a way to make a homemade termite killer might become a priority if termites are around your house or you think you might be susceptible to termite infestation. The most effective way to get rid of termites is with chemicals, but some people just aren't comfortable with using chemicals which has prompted them to try and find a homemade termite killer that will be effective and easy to use. Unfortunately, there is no easy homemade termite killer that has proven to be as effective as chemicals.

But that doesn't mean there isn't a way to get rid of termites without the use of chemicals. Termites are resilient creatures that simply look for a food source and "go to work". The best homemade termite killer you can employ is to remove their food source. That means getting wet wood dry, cleaning up damp leaves around the base of your home, and making sure that there are no miniscule entryways for termites to enter your home and begin their damage.

Unlike other pests, you can't sprinkle some hot pepper sauce on them or spray them with a vinegar and water mixture to kill them. They'll live through it and continue to breed despite your best efforts. Don't try these methods as they will only cause you frustration and make you angry that you can't use a homemade termite killer to get rid of these unwelcome guests.

One web page that we found suggests that you take a cardboard box and wet it down. Then you place it around your home and monitor it. Termites like soft food and the weakened cardboard – that is made of wood – makes it a great buffet for invading termites. Once you find termites in the damp cardboard, take it somewhere and burn it and then continue the process. It takes diligence, but eventually, you'll gain control – at least somewhat.

Another poster on this web page went to a local home improvement store and bought some termite bait for \$18.88. She placed it around the foundation of her home and changed it as the box said. Since she monitored it faithfully and changed the bait according to directions, she found that she didn't get a termite problem at all. What is funny about her story is that a pest control company came out to assess her home and give her an estimate on how she could control termites. Their estimate was over \$1,300! In her quest for a homemade termite killer, she found a commercial product that worked just as well as a pest control company's but for much, much, much less the cost.

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Use common sense when trying to come up with a homemade termite killer and be diligent about your efforts. If you take the time to pay attention to your home, you will eventually be able to come up with a homemade termite killer that will meet all of your needs and keep your home safe.

## **Termite Killer - Clever Way To Make Them**

Infestation of termites is not to be taken lightly. These small pests can create havoc in houses with not a moment's notice. That's why many housewives or homemakers are discovering ways to concoct home-grown termite juice. As convincing as it may sound the reality is there is not a homemade termite killer that proves be equal to the chemical based products in the market.

This doesn't automatically mean that homemakers have lost the battle. There are some ways to make these ruthless wall suckers vanish. Knowing what they are about is the first step to finding a way towards their demise.

Basically, termites are workers just like ants. The difference is in their food source. Ants any scavenge on leftover foods that are more likely sweet in smell and taste. For termites, they love to chew on wood panels and walls. They prefer their lumber wet or damp. If keeping the lid of the cookie jar will prevent ants from infesting it, then that will also be effective with termites. Making sure that wood paneling, wall, and floor are not damp and moist is a sure way to drive them out of the house. They will not penetrate if there is no evidence of their food supply.

Pests are not known to give-up easily. They will live longer than most people if they can. That's why killing them with hot water and whatnot will never do the trick. There is no way that termites will be vanquished with any cooking ingredients in the kitchen. Be warned that if you keep on persisting on this method it will only bring more harm than good, to your sanity that is. And at the end of the day, you'll not only have termites feasting on your wooden cabinets also ants on your homemade pesticides.

There are other suggestions that are in the net about killing termites. Using soaked cardboards are excellent proposals to keep those unwanted visitors away. Just by placing them outside on all the corners of the house. You will soon notice that they will gather and chow down on the meal prepared for them. Thus in turn leaving your house alone. Some ingenious planning will play a part to trick them under you control. This is a good way to slowly eliminate, if not minimize termite infestation.

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Just for eighteen dollars and eighty-eight cents there is a bait for termites that is readily available a particular home improvement supply shop. This can also be found in the same webpage. This takes a lot of vigilance and all the patience in the world to get the best effect. The bait must be monitored continuously because it needs changing every now and then. A success story is exemplified in the site. She did as the instruction on the box said biblically and got the best results. Coincidentally, a company that deals with pests evaluated her home. They told her that in order to keep the termites out she needs to pay around thirteen hundred dollars. Luckily her resourcefulness paid off like magic. Not only was she able to help keep mother earth safe from chemical poisoning.



### **Natural Termite Treatment**

Awareness of harmful chemicals in pest controls are more and more prevalent in every household. There is a calling that for change in how to eradicate termites without harming nature in the process. Going all natural or organic seems to takeover the mainstream. Undeniably, chemical treatments are still the most effective in doing a way with pests their harmful consequences are far greater in the long run. That's why researchers and product developers are on a new quest. But, it doesn't take a scientist to come-up with organic solutions to produce pesticides for termites.

Going natural in treating termites uses methods and strategies of control and prevention. As a replacement for the popular chemicals that huge companies sell in the market, installing tangible materials as a means to help control is a good strategy. Blockade contraptions or shields can be put up around the house to keep them away. In any case, that they are already initiated mayhem inside the walls, ceilings and other wooden parts of the home keeping them out will be good to start over. Moving out of the house is not the solution. Evicting those pests is the right way to own back your life.

Natural means of knocking out termites simply advocates making sure they do not have a reason to get in. It simply encourages prevention method as opposed to cure. This line of defense assures the homeowners that they are protected from infestation before it even begins.

Anything that is damp and moist is a haven for termites. They love to dwell and feast on it. First thing that must be looked at when starting the fight is to examine the surrounding of the house. Knowing what to look for is important in naturally exterminating those pesky insects. Food source is essential to their existence. Like all living things, their survival depends on feeding off on wood or lumber. That is where homeowners should focus their attention on.

First it to look out for unused wood that are laying around the house, especially if they are directly in contact with the soil. This can make them absorb moisture overtime. In turn, it will most naturally attract termites. Next would be, to avoid placing wooden furniture outdoors. This is chiefly true for homes that encounter rain frequently. When rain sips through wooden furniture they might be susceptible to termite influx. Unknowingly, there may come a time that these

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furniture will be bought inside the house. The termites will have a free ride into the house. Even though wooden furniture claims to have been treated for termite, wear and tear will diminish it's power through time.

Wood paneling on the interiors of the house is no safer that anyone thinks. Cements do absorb a sufficient amount of vapor to cause soaking for the wall panel, ceilings and other framings that are made of wood. So to combat this, polyethylene of about 6 mil or polyurethane should be utilized as covering between the wood and cement.

There are so many other ways to keep those pests out of the house. All that needs to be done is to use common sense and a little resourcefulness.

## **Npma-33 Termite Inspection Form**

An institution named "National Pest Management Association" is the affiliation that accredit licensed termite examiners work for. They equip all pest control delegate the NPMA-33 Form for Termite Inspection that shall be accomplished at the conclusion of every termite review which they perform. Culmination of the inspection form will feed both the NPMA data more or less on the inspection. This will provide the homeowner likewise for the termite examiner sustain an account of the inspection when it is through including what followed during . he Npma-33 T.I.F. may be based in an assortment of places let alone reliable pest control software package that several termite examiners use to continue tracking pests in their line of work.

The Form, NPMA-33 T.I., is virtually much used on realty dealings to offer evidence either there is an infestation or show that the household is uninfected. It may be petitioned through the vendee, the vendor, or the estate broker. The Npma-33 T.I.F. is effortless to apply and painless to translate. On that note, here are a few of more satisfactory details you had better know all but.

The foremost segment of this termite survey form brings about as a whole data on the exact location of the home being scrutinized and the particular portion of the home being inspected. The address of the Critique Company, name, and telephone number is also being displayed in addition to as their license number of their company. The number of the license is given to the investigating company by the province or state they are listed in which grants them the license to carry on pest control inspection and repair according to your state's manuals.

Later on this segment of the form NPMA-33 termite inspection, there must be more or less general facts on the place being investigated involving the location, the vendors name, the vendees name, and the appointment of the inspection. Enclosed in that segment of inspection conformation is the name by the examiner, his or her key signature, registration number, and certification as released the State the inspection is happening in.

Finally, we progress to the "heart and soul" of this inspection form. It is where the determinations are recorded specifically. It incites real plot solutions and the actual condition of the infested area. These plots will exhibit whatever plagues and any possible problem surface

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area that ought to be focused on. This component of the form should likewise name what characters of termites are - or what other problem could follow - and whatever propositions as to how annihilation of any surviving or potential outbreak.

The inspection form will be dispatched in its entirety and conferred to immoderate involved parties on completion by the inspection. This form for termite inspection will be totally completed and sustain zero blank space left behind empty. Subsequently that, deterrent treatment may begin or remedy process can start.

## **Termite Inspection Fraud**

Even as with several other twisted cons, pest inspection hoax occurs more often and increasingly than it ought to. This is the reason you, as part of the buying public, ought to take measures without doubt so you don't turn into a victim of scammer. There are a lot of, numerous dishonest folks out in the open who are merely looking for individuals to consent with their scams. This inspection hoax is active on the loose, which is reason to be equipped if, and once, it happens to you!

Unrivalled very basic termite inspection hoax that befalls with an alarmingly daily basis is once the "inspector" fetches "grounds" of termite plague such as when cast-off pellets or disgorge wings of the reproductive aviating termite. They're similar to the "imbed of evidence" con that a few corrupt cops apply to bust somebody they have followed attempting to bust for a long time. The intention of this swindle is to "establish" to you that existence of termites in your household was found. We are willing to wager that the termite examiner also renders termite eradication avails too.

Additional average artifice in termite inspection hoax is for fake inspector to call attention on the harmful damages which they allege represents termite settlements when in all truth, it was not. Since the common man, checking and discerning genuine termite harm may be hard. While you have a con artist who is perpetrating a termite investigation sham on you, remarkably are really effective at winning you over. They convince that you experience a infestation when nothing of that sort exists. This can put a hole on your budget, leaving you hundreds of bucks spent unnecessarily. A hustle like that necessitates a second ruling before confirming to proceed with any type of treatment.

Termite inspection hoax could likewise come about once a termite fake examiner in addition offer fumigation avails to a householder later on after making up their evaluation and findings on the problem's existence. They will volunteer their services and assure that they will utilize a unique chemical contrived to do away with pests. but in reality they are applying an inferior clone of the genuine chemical. What will be experienced next is the extraction of a few from the termites, but not completely all. Which entails re-infestation is starting to materialize. Inquire to confer the right chemicals which they are using and make sure they are in a tagged container.

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Whenever you think you have been a victim from termite inspection hoax, you must conduct measures to make certain another people aren't nominated as victim similar to you. Address your Better Business Bureau and try calling the law enforcer. Your local newsprint could likewise be an eminent instrument to facilitate heads-up to the public on termite inspection hoax. Whenever you have discovered your were victimized by a pest inspection scam, take measures to make a point no single person turns into a victim. Through every last means, embody an advocator for your community!

## **Photos Termite Damage Infestation**

If you suspect that you may have a termite problem, it can be helpful to find some photos of termite damage infestation to help you realize not only what could happen to your home, but also what to look for when you are inspecting your home. There are many places you can find photos of termite damage infestation, but the best place to start with are on the Internet. Many pest control companies are committed to educating the home owner on termites and termite damage, so they publish photos of termite damage infestation on their websites so the average person knows what termites can do to a structure.

Use your favorite search engine and enter “photos termite damage infestation”. If you use Google, they have a separate section above the search box that says “Image”. Click on that and you will find hundreds of photos of termite damage infestation. It can help if you print out these pictures so that you can have a reference point when you start looking in your home for evidence of termites. Any responsible home or building owner needs to periodically look around the structure to try and find any evidence of termite damage. If your home or building has termites, you absolutely must take steps to eradicate the problem before they take over your home and cause irreparable damage.

Photos of termite damage infestation can be quite shocking when you see them. When the termites eat through the wood of a structure and are left untreated to do their work, they can literally eat through an amazing amount of wood that can structurally damage the building and make it unsafe to live in. Then the repairs that must be made can be extremely expensive and often extensive. That’s why you should take steps to look at photos of termite damage infestation to spur you towards not only having your home inspected for termites, but also to pursue treatment of the home so that you don’t find yourself with the same damage shown in the photos.

The last thing you want to have happen is to have your home taken over by these damaging insects. They are a fact of life in the world of nature, and while they serve no useful purpose, they’re not going away. Find photos of termite damage infestation and remember what is shown in those photos. Then take steps to make sure that your home doesn’t show up in the photos of termite damage infestation on the Internet as well.

## **Advance Termite System**

Here are some uses of the Advance termite system and how it can protect your home by eliminating the entire colony – it uses a baiting system that helps eliminate a colony faster and is a non-invasive option that can work for your home.

### **The Advance Termite System**

There are many baits, chemicals and termite systems that are available, but the Advance termite system is extremely popular as it is a bait that is enforced around your home and does not affect your home itself. There are many other termite products that require holes to be drilled in the home and could also affect the landscaping, but this is not so with the Advance termite system.

The Advance termite system uses a bait that is firmly locked and is absolutely safe if children or pets are in the vicinity. The bait is designed in such a way that it is able to get the termites before they enter your home and begin sabotaging the woodwork that forms the base of your home.

The Advance termite system attacks the whole colony before it has a chance to attack your home. The advantage of this system over other chemical treatments is that chemical treatments do not eliminate the whole colony and this results in the termites reappearing and continuing their damage and robs you of peace of mind and more problems later on.

### **The Latest Technology In The Advance Termite System**

There is a dual stage system in place with the Advance termite system. The important feature here is the plan to study the termite's feeding habits – this will allow for the elimination of the entire colony. There is also a second supply of food which the termites actually prefer to the wood in the homes.

Another point to bear in mind is that when you use a baiting system, the termites need to be fed with large amounts of food to keep them from going for the wood in the structure of your home. For this purpose, the Advance termite system uses a huge load that is containerized so that the



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termites in the colony are fed in a short time. This way the colony is destroyed in a very short time and thus enables you to be stress free.

Apart from eliminating the termites in a shorter time frame than other baiting systems, the stations that the Advance termite system uses are extremely strong. This is an important feature as damage from pets or lawn mowers can hurt the system which will need to be replaced. The Advance termite system is non-invasive and has been proved to be reliable and sturdy, destroying termites by colonies in a very short space of time. Considering all the advantages of the Advance termite system, your home can be protected from termites by complete elimination, thus giving you peace of mind, so you should consider opting for the best technological system available in the market.

## **Phantom Termite Treatment**

Learn about the best treatment available in the market for treating termites – the Phantom Termite Treatment. It is the most effective way of getting rid of termites and making sure that they do not return. It is important that you do not get rid of termites by yourself – you must get professional help.

### **Phantom As The Best Termite Control Product**

There have been a number of pest control products that have been tested thoroughly and it has been found that Phantom is the most effective product in a variety of conditions, and also it prevents the termites returning to create more damage. The US Agricultural Service has found that even after 7 years at 98% of the sites used for research, the termites have not returned.

Phantom termite treatment uses the latest technology. In fact, there are about 500 trials that have been made on structures and they have found that Phantom is the most effective method of destroying termite infestation in comparison with other leading brands. Phantom termite treatment originated in 2001, and ever since it is the leading brand that can eliminate termites from the structure of your home.

### **A Termite Treatment Plan**

Every home owner knows that a termite infestation in the structure of his wood can cause untold damage and hundreds of dollars in repairs – sometimes it may be impossible to repair if the damage has been neglected. This is the reason that you need to have a concrete plan to rid your home of termites and this plan needs to be implemented. If you have a termite infestation, it is possible to get rid of them and keep them from returning – in other words, a plan has to be carried out to get rid of them permanently.

Every Pest control company knows that Phantom Termite Treatment is the best product in the market and they are highly recommended to all their clients as the most effective way of getting rid of termite infestation and preventing them from returning. It is known as a revolutionary product as it surpasses all other brands available.

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It is not a good idea to try to eliminate termites by yourself. It needs skills, specialized training and knowledge that can be provided by a professional who has had the necessary training and on-field experience. He will be able to advise you on the best method of treatment and what you can do to prevent termites from returning and causing damage to the wood structure of your home. Your best bet is to call a reputed Pest Control Company who will assess the situation and deal with it professionally. When contacting the company, let them know that you need to permanently remove the termite infestation and will therefore need only the most effective treatment, and Phantom Termite Treatment is known to be the best on the market, so you know that you are on the right track by choosing the best.

## **Termidor Termite Treatment Vs. Sentricon**

Let's learn about two treatments for termites – Sentricon, which is environmental friendly and Termidor which uses chemicals that people feel are harmful. It is up to the individual to weigh the pros and cons before making a choice.

### **The Debate Between Termidor Termite Treatment And Sentricon**

The debate on both the Termidor termite treatment and the Sentricon treatment, both of which are popular in treating termite infestation keeps going on in the pest control business.

In the Sentricon method, bait stations are placed around the house. These are then monitored by the Company and if termites are sighted, poison is used instead of wood bait and this should eliminate the entire colony. Sentricon is environmentally friendly, but professionals are not entirely sure of its effectiveness.

The Termidor system, on the other hand, provides chemicals in the soil around the house. This is not really harmful to people and costs around \$50/- more than Sentricon at the start, but if you take a contract for the year which covers supervision and extra applications if required, it comes to \$150/- less than Sentricon.

### **Weighing The Pros And Cons Of Termidor And Sentricon**

It is true that Sentricon is environmentally friendly and could be used in the elimination of termite infestation. But it must be remembered that it is not as effective – there seem to be chemicals that are far more effective in the market. So far as Termidor is concerned, chemicals are in the soil and in the yard right around your house. This does not sit well with many people as they should not be exposed to any type of chemicals and on these grounds alone, they would reject the use of Termidor.

Looking at the pros and cons of both these chemicals, the choice could be confusing. It is not possible to persuade anyone that one or the other is the right choice – it depends on the individual and the way he looks at the situation. If you believe in an eco-friendly atmosphere and dislike being exposed to any type of chemicals, you will naturally go for Sentricon in spite of the

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fact that it is less effective than other chemicals. But, if you are concerned about destroying the termite infestation permanently and thus saving your home from untold damage, you would probably go for Termidor which is highly effective.

While making a choice you will need to consider the pros and cons and decide whether you want to be exposed to chemicals in the area surrounding your home in spite of the fact that the termite infestation is effectively dealt with or whether you choose to have an eco-friendly environment even if the termite treatment is not as effective and may need to be redone. The choice is entirely yours – so far as debates are concerned, it will go on and you may get involved in it but the final decision is entirely up to you.

## **Termite Apprentice**

In order to become a termite inspector, it would be beneficial for you if you attended a Termite Apprentice course. Termite Apprentice Programs are available in universities and schools and these courses are held for just about two days. These Termite Assistant programs pack in a whole lot of information ranging from termite biology to detecting termite infestation in the wood, the destruction that can take place when termites invade the wood in the structure of your home and the various range of chemicals that are used to destroy them – some of them being eco-friendly and others that are more effective but leave you exposed to chemicals.

Since the courses are over a limited time-span, you will have to put in a great deal of hard work as there is a lot to learn in a very short period. But if the goal is to eventually become a Termite Inspector, being a Termite Assistant will give you all the necessary experience of a hands-on job on the field. Since the courses are affordable, it is worth giving it a try, as the experience you gain from actually working with someone is worth any money that you have spent.

### **Termite Apprentice Training On The Field**

After you have completed your Termite Apprentice course, you may feel the need to gain practical experience on the field. If this is the case, it would be a good idea to get in touch with a Termite Inspector who is professionally licensed and ask if you can assist him on the field – you can explain that you would like to gain experience. Quite frequently, they will be happy to have an extra hand on the field as it would lighten their own load. Also, on completion of your course, they may recommend someone who will take you on as an assistant and show you the ropes. You may be given a pay check, but sometimes that may not happen. It may not be possible for you to take on the Termite Assistant's job if you are not paid, in which case you will need to be frank about your situation and find a person who is willing to make an adjustment so that it works for both of you.

Getting into any field requires practical experience. In the case of a Termite Inspector, he would be happy to have an extra hand in the field and in return, he will be able to give you all the tips you need regarding the detection of termites, their fondness for dark and clammy spots, the different types of chemicals that are used for the elimination of termite infestation – some of these are eco-friendly and some are harmful to people if exposed to these chemicals. If you

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choose to become a Termite Inspector, remember that the practical training of a termite apprentice will be one of the best investments that you can make in yourself – this will further your career and you will be on your way to succeeding in your chosen field.

### **Termite Deterrents**

Learn about the various termite deterrents in the market to rid your home of termites and prevent them from entering your home. Although many people prefer eco-friendly products, they are few and far between, and the chemical ones that are available are extremely effective and should be procured from a professional Pest Control Company.

#### **Using Termite Deterrents to Protect Your Home**

When you own a home there are certain responsibilities that come with it – one of them is protecting the wooden structure of your home from the invasion of termites. In order to do that you will need to use Termite Deterrents which come in the form of chemicals or objects and this will prevent termites from infesting your home by gnawing into the wood in the structure of your home – this can seriously damage the very foundation of your home.

The termite deterrents that are in the form of chemicals are the most effective as they are designed in a manner in which termites are prevented from entering the wooden structure of a home. Termites are known to gnaw their way through the wood and have an attraction for damp and wet areas, so these chemicals are sprayed in crevices and under the foundation. This is a difficult task as termites are so tiny and can slip in very easily through cracks, so the damp areas need to be sprayed very skillfully to prevent termite infestation.

#### **An Eco-Friendly Deterrent**

In 2005 there has been a study which involved the sugar pine tree. By using the sap of this tree, it was found that termites did not like the sap and stayed away from it, so this could be worth pursuing especially for those who are eco-friendly and would rather not use chemicals however effective they might be.

Termites are extremely determined and keep moving till they find their source of food which is both for them as well as for the entire colony. Their food is wood and the damper the better. Pest control products have been unable to come up with a natural product to cater to environmentalists. Their products are chemical which is the most effective, but not eco-friendly.



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With the general population trying to battle global warming and protecting the ozone layer in order to preserve ourselves from the destruction caused by chemicals and other products that are slowly but surely poisoning the atmosphere, Termite Deterrents that are natural are not very common and this is extremely frustrating for scientists who are waging a battle against chemicals.

It would be advisable to go to your Home Improvement store and buy a termite bait that you can use to trap termites by placing them under the foundation near the wood structure and in crevices so that you can prevent termite infestation. It is not possible to go for the natural products as there are not many on the market and they are not effective, so the only way is to use chemicals from a reputed Pest Control Company.

## **Termite Home Treatment**

### **The Necessity of Termite Home Treatment**

If you are a home owner, it is absolutely essential to make sure that your home is treated as you will be protecting your home and keeping the inmates safe. A termite infestation can be serious and needs to be nipped in the bud before it spreads and causes untold damage. Termites gnaw into the wood – this wood which holds the beams and the walls of your home. As the termites steadily make inroads in the wood, they slowly but surely destroy the foundation and thus weaken the entire structure – if neglected your home can come down. Termite Home Treatment is therefore not an option but a necessity.

It is absolutely essential that you have a profession pest control expert to check your home every year for signs of termite infestation. After they have done a bunch of tests, they will be able to tell if you have a termite problem and then they will be able to advise you on the best form of chemical treatment in order to eliminate the problem. They will also be able to suggest methods to prevent termites from re-entering.

### **The Choice between Chemical And Non-Chemical Treatments**

When looking for a Termite Home Treatment program, you will have a variety of choices before you, both chemical and non-chemical. This depends on the individual. Many people have environmental concerns, health safety etc. and if these are important to you, then you may not want chemicals in your home as the exposure may be harmful to the inmates. There are many non-chemical treatments that go natural with the materials that they use and they also see that the food source is cut off. This entails getting rid of wet areas so that the termites are kept away from the wood in the structure of your home.

If you have a bad termite infestation, you may have no other option but to use chemicals as they are far more effective than non-chemicals. Also research has shown that in order to eliminate them completely chemicals are the only way it will work from destroying the termites and avoiding any further damage to your home. Also, there are chemicals in the market that are less toxic than they used to be in the past and will not be a factor in harming your health, so if an effective method of destroying termites is to be used it may have to be chemical treatment.

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Otherwise the termites will gnaw into the wood in the structure of your home and cause extensive damage, so the only way to get rid of them permanently is to use chemicals and save your home.

## **Termite Inspection Exterior**

### **Inspecting The Exterior Of The Building**

A Termite Inspector who inspects the exterior needs to have a certain amount of knowledge as to where the termites can hide – possibly in wet and clammy areas which they are attracted to. The Inspector needs to look out for wood piles that may be around the house which is touching the ground. This is a breeding place for termites who love to gnaw through wood. Termites are not fond of concrete and any house that is about 36 inches higher than the ground may not be infested with termites as a house that has a wooden frame which touches the ground.

You cannot rule out the fact that termites will not be found in brick buildings or in concrete foundations. Termites can worm their way into cracks if they feel that they can get to the wood on the opposite side. They are attracted to wet areas and moisture, so if there is water around the home along with wood, the termites will head there. While a visual inspection of the exterior is essential, always make sure that you detect signs of termite infestation while inside a home.

### **The Convenience Of The Termite Inspection**

The home owner does not need to be at home when the Inspector comes for an inspection – this is extremely convenient as the owner can go about his own business outside and he will see the report that the Inspector leaves in the mailbox when he gets back. The Inspector can come at a time convenient to him instead of arranging appointments that need to be suitable to both. In case termites are detected, then the owner will need to get in touch with the Inspector to find out how the problem can be solved with the use of chemicals.

There is no harm in making an inspection of your own in the interests of your home as you can do a preliminary inspection by checking for water around the foundation of the house or any other damp areas where piles of wood are stored. Termites are known to favor wet and damp areas and dark places – these are the places to look out for and you will need to remove wood that is lying around as also pools of water as these will attract termites and cause a termite infestation that can destroy the very foundation of your home.

## **Termite Resistant Mulch**

### **Keeping Termites Away By Using Mulches**

Mulches are used by some people to make the property look attractive while landscaping. However, there are certain mulches on the market that termites are not attracted to and will stay away from the wooden structure of your home. There are many advantages to using landscaping mulches – some of them are to conserve the soil and water, controlling the weeds and the temperature of the soil. These advantages including the fact that yard waste can be made use of have led to mulches being utilized for water and weed management and for aesthetic value around your home. Right now, companies are wondering whether organic mulches that are termite resistant could be developed as this would alleviate the problem of termites although it may not be a foolproof method.

### **Termites Resistant To Cypress and Redwood Mulches**

Mulch is usually made of compost and wood and as termites thrive on wood, they use it as a source of food that they provide for the entire colony. A study has been conducted using different types of termites and their attraction for certain types of mulch. In 1999, a study found that termites disliked redwood and cypress mulches.

There is another type of wood mulch that termites do not like and will not go near them – the melaleuca wood mulch. So along with the redwood and cypress mulches, termites are resistant to melaleuca.

While doing your landscaping with mulch, in order to keep termites away, use the cypress and redwood mulches. You could cover the soil with black plastic before you place the mulch as termites stay in the soil and can enter the mulch if there is no protective plastic. If the mulch is being used around the house, you could use melaleuca as near the house as possible since termites dislike this mulch. However, stone is the best although it is more expensive.

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It is a fact that stone is very much more expensive to landscape your home, but considering the fact that termites like wood and will invade your home if there is damp wood around as they like wet, dark and clammy areas, the extra expense might be worth a try, as you will need to spend a great deal of money in getting rid of termites once they enter the wood structure of your home. Mulch looks good while landscaping your yard, so if you are using mulch make sure that it is termite resistant mulch. Try and get a mulch that will not attract termites and be sure to use plastic so that termites will remain in the soil and not get into the house.

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