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Real Estate and Hidden Termite Damage - What Does Termite Damage Look Like, Signs and Cost

Termite damage is bad for real estate. A proper real estate inspection should also include the elements of termite damage check, because in most cases the buyer is told that the seller will fix the problem.

To have the termite problem treated one should pay around \$1,000 or so. But after the termites are gone, the damage to the real estate structure is left. And this damage to the structure can cost up to 50 times the cost of the termite treatment.

You see - termite damage is a serious long-term problem!

While some termite damage may be **visible**, other types of damage may be **invisible** to the naked eye. Carpets and rugs are to be lifted, furniture and appliances moved, walls and ceilings opened (in really bad cases excavation may be needed). This sounds too much job, but this is the only way to access the extent of the damages from termites.

You should also test the latent damage - have invasive and destructive testing performed on your home. This shows the extent of the damage and the cost of any needed repairs.

That is why if you are buying the real estate that was known to have problems with termites, make sure that you **get a treatment and repair history** before you purchase the home.

And surely for the wooden type real estate, before buying it, have it checked for termites. **Proper termite inspections performed before you make the purchase should always be documented.**

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