

ASK FOR A TERMITE INSPECTION

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Termites and other wood destroying organisms cause more damage than fires & hurricanes combined! Don't take a chance on extensive termite damage on your house!

For more information about termite inspections or to find a licensed professional, visit www.Gpca.org or call 800-465-9827.

ABOUT GPCA

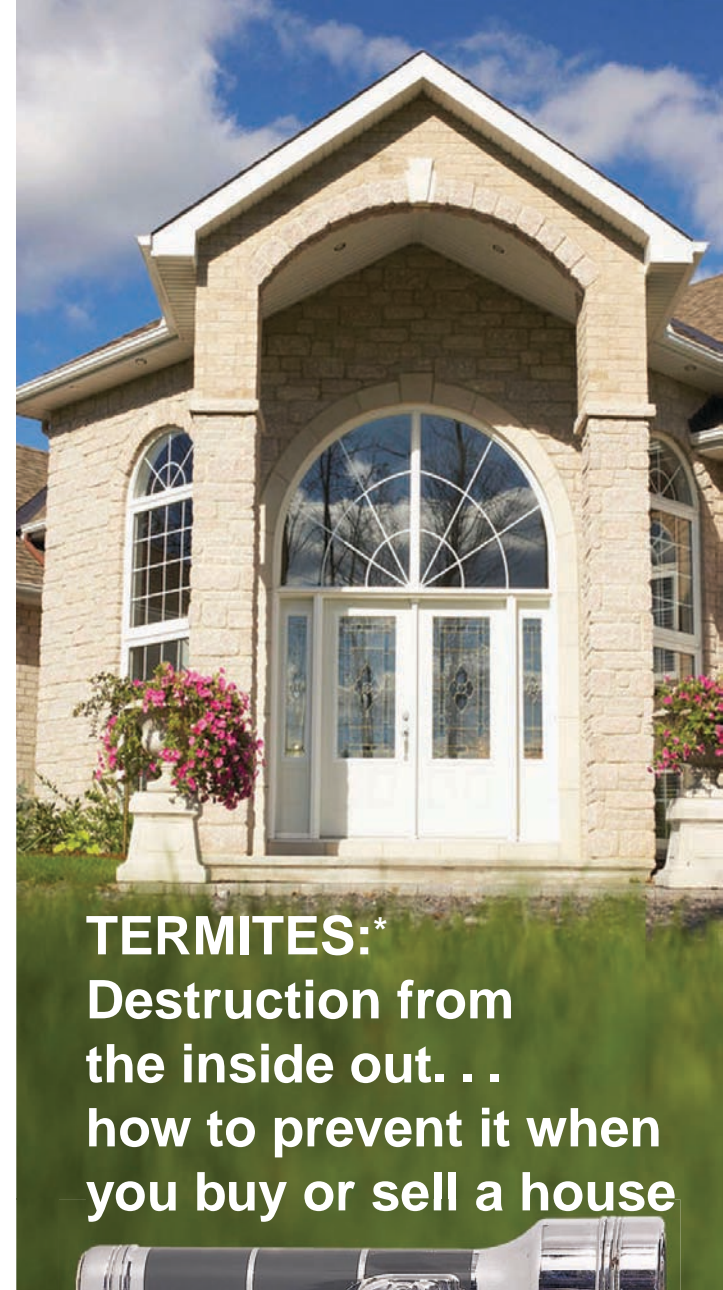
GPCA is Georgia's premier pest control trade organization made up of licensed pest control professionals who join together to promote the standards and ethics of the industry. GPCA members keep a watchful eye on activities that directly impact their customers and the general public.

The organization provides ongoing education for the pest control industry and supports the advancement of research. Members cooperate with the National Pest Control Association, government authorities and educational institutions for the good of the community and the pest control industry.

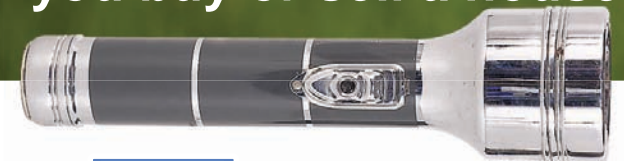


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**TERMITES:
Destruction from
the inside out. . .
how to prevent it when
you buy or sell a house**



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*A termite inspection actually includes five wood destroying organisms: powder post beetles, dry wood termites, subterranean termites and fungus.

6 MYTHS ABOUT TERMITE INSPECTIONS

DUE TO RECENT CHANGES IN THE STANDARD GEORGIA REAL ESTATE CONTRACTS CONCERNING PROFESSIONAL TERMITE INSPECTIONS, THE GEORGIA PEST CONTROL ASSOCIATION PRESENTS THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IN AN EFFORT TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC ON THE NECESSITY OF THESE COST-SAVING INSPECTIONS.

MYTH #1: A termite inspection is required in the state of Georgia in order to sell or buy a home.

FACT: Until recently termite and other wood destroying organism inspections were required, but due to recent changes to requirements by most mortgage lenders, and current real estate contract verbiage, an inspection for termites and other wood destroying organisms is now wholly discretionary. GPCA does not believe these changes are in the best interest of the consumer. Detecting termite infestations requires certain skills held only by trained pest control professionals. Without required termite inspections, buyers will have no history about previous infestation, treatments, damage or conditions conducive to infestation.

MYTH #2: The chance of getting a termite infestation isn't very high in Georgia.

FACT: Because of humidity in southern states like Georgia, termite infestation isn't a possibility, it's a reality. Subterranean termites cost the Georgia public tens of millions of dollars per year in damage, repair and control costs. Because of the humid southern climate, Georgia is one of the most highly infested termite and wood destroying organism in the nation.

MYTH #3: It is not essential to have a termite and wood destroying organism inspection when you buy a home.

FACT: Without a professional termite inspection, potential home buyers will be unaware of critical information about their new home without the resulting complete WDO inspection report. New homeowners may suffer financial loss because they are not fully informed about existing warranties and how that warranty can affect the value of their purchase.

Professional Termite Inspections



To re-establish the warranty, they will have to re-start the contract and treatment process.

MYTH #4: Termites are easy to control and don't do much damage for a long time.

FACT: Granted it may take some time for termites to damage a home, without a professional termite inspection, undetected infestations may continue their damage for years. This results in expensive repair charges and sometimes irreparable damage to the home. Termites are not easy to control and require specialized equipment as well as extensive knowledge of the insect.

MYTH #5: Your real estate agent knows about termites and conditions conducive to termites and will advise you about the importance of wood destroying organisms inspections.

FACT: While most real estate agents have their customers' best interests at heart, they have hundreds of details to attend to in the sale or purchase of a home. Termite inspections may not be uppermost in their mind during the transaction. If a termite inspection is not recommended, realtors may be considered liable for infestation issues revealed after the sale or purchase.

MYTH #6: Home inspectors are licensed to perform termite inspections.

FACT: Home inspectors are not licensed to perform an official WDO inspection. A licensed pest management professional is regulated by the Department of Agriculture. Becoming licensed requires intensive study and testing, something that professional pest control companies focus on. GPCA highly recommends that a termite inspection be performed whenever a home is bought or sold.

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QUESTIONS TO ASK YOUR TERMITE INSPECTOR

Q. ARE YOU A LICENSED TERMITE INSPECTOR?

A. The answer here should always be "Yes" because licensed inspectors must have passed detailed exams to receive their license.

Q. HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN FINDING TERMITE INFESTATIONS?

A. The more experience your inspector has, the better.

Q. WHERE WILL YOU BE INSPECTING, SPECIFICALLY?

A. The inspection usually takes 30-45 minutes to complete, including interior, attics, basements, crawlspaces and exterior of the property.

Q. HOW WILL THE INSPECTION BE PERFORMED?

A. A licensed technician will check the entire house thoroughly top to bottom looking for telltale signs of termites or other wood destroying organisms, and any damage. He may use a flashlight, a rubber mallet, a screwdriver and perhaps a small long-handled mirror for inspecting hard-to-reach areas.

