

# WOOD DESTROYING ORGANISM

**APR 07, 2023**

1234 Sample st



CLIENT

**Client**

Structure(s) on Property Inspected: Single family Residence and Barn Only  
Inspection and Report Requested By: Client C/O 2020 Inspection Solutions  
Report sent to Requestor and to: Realtor realtor@realtor.com

Evidence: Present, Damage: Present.

## INSPECTED BY



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WOOD-DESTROYING ORGANISMS INSPECTION REPORT

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SECTION 1- GENERAL INFORMATION

Inspection Company:

Termite Depot
Inspection Company Name
Business License Number: JB279986
3131 SAINT JOHNS BLUFF RD.
Company Address
Phone Number: (844)553-3768
Jacksonville, FL 32246
Company City, State and Zip Code
Date of Inspection: 04/07/2023

Inspector's Name and Identification Card Number: Jay Peters
Print Name
JE334184
ID Card Number
Address of Property Inspected 1234 Sample St, Sample, FL 123400
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(Name and contact information)
Report Sent to Requester and to: Realtor realtor@realtor.com
(Name and contact information if different from above)

SECTION 2 - INSPECTION FINDINGS- CONSUMERS SHOULD READ THIS SECTION CAREFULLY

THIS REPORT IS MADE ON THE BASIS OF WHAT WAS VISIBLE AND READILY ACCESSIBLE AT THE TIME OF INSPECTION AND DOES NOT CONSTITUTE A GUARANTEE OF THE ABSENCE OF WOOD-DESTROYING ORGANISMS (WDOs) OR DAMAGE OR OTHER EVIDENCE UNLESS THIS REPORT SPECIFICALLY STATES HEREIN THE EXTENT OF SUCH GUARANTEE.

This report does not cover areas such as, but not limited to, those that are enclosed or inaccessible, areas concealed by wall coverings, floor coverings, furniture, equipment, stored articles, insulation, or any portion of the structure in which inspection would necessitate removing or defacing any part of the structure. This property was not inspected for any fungi other than wood-decaying fungi, and no opinion on health related effects or indoor air quality is provided or rendered by this report. Individuals licensed to perform pest control are not required, authorized or licensed to inspect or report for any fungi other than wood-destroying fungi, nor to report or comment on health or indoor air quality issues related to any fungi. Persons concerned about these issues should consult with a certified industrial hygienist or other person trained and qualified to render such opinions. A wood-destroying organism (WDO) means an arthropod or plant life which damages and can reinfest seasoned wood in a structure namely, termites, powder post beetles, old house borers, and wood-decaying fungi.

NOTE: This is NOT a structural damage report. It should be understood that there may be damage, including possible hidden damage present. FURTHER INVESTIGATION BY QUALIFIED EXPERTS OF THE BUILDING TRADE SHOULD BE MADE TO DETERMINE THE STRUCTURAL SOUNDNESS OF THE PROPERTY.

Based on a visual inspection of accessible areas, the following findings were observed:
(See Page 2, Section 3 to determine which areas of the inspected structure(s) may have been inaccessible.)

A. [ ] NO visible signs of WDO(s) (live, evidence, or damage observed)

B. [x] VISIBLE evidence of WDO(s) was observed as follows:

[ ] 1. LIVE WDO(s) N/A
(Common Name of Organism and Location - use additional page, if needed)

N/A

[x] 2. EVIDENCE of WDO(s) (dead wood- destroying insects, insect parts, frass, shelter tubes, exit holes or other evidence)

Drywood & Subterranean termites.
(Common Name, Description, and Location - Describe Evidence - use additional page if needed)

Termite frass found. Mud found in Sub termite galleries.

[x] 3. DAMAGE caused by WDO(s) was observed and noted as follows:

Drywood & Subterranean termites.
(Common Name, Description and Location of all visible damage - Describe damage - use additional page if necessary)

See addendum.

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**SECTION 3 - OBSTRUCTIONS AND INACCESSIBLE AREAS:** The following areas of the structure(s) inspected were obstructed or inaccessible. NO INFORMATION on the status of wood-destroying organisms or damage from wood-destroying organisms in these areas is provided in this report.

In addition to those areas provided in consumer information on Page 1, Section 2; the following specific areas were not visible and/or accessible for inspection. The descriptions and reasons for the inaccessibility are stated below:

- ATTIC                      SPECIFIC AREAS: All areas covered by insulation.  
REASON: Insulation blocks view of wood members.
  
- INTERIOR                    SPECIFIC AREAS: N/A  
REASON: N/A
  
- EXTERIOR                    SPECIFIC AREAS: N/A  
REASON: N/A
  
- CRAWLSPACE                SPECIFIC AREAS: N/A  
REASON: N/A
  
- OTHER                      SPECIFIC AREAS: N/A  
REASON: N/A

**SECTION 4 - NOTICE OF INSPECTION AND TREATMENT INFORMATION**

EVIDENCE of previous treatment observed:  Yes  No If Yes, the structure exhibits evidence of previous treatment. List what was observed:  
N/A

(State what visible evidence was observed to suggest possible previous treatment - use additional page if necessary)

**NOTE: The inspecting company can give no assurances with regard to work done by other companies. The company that performed the treatment should be contacted for information on treatment history and any warranty or service agreement which may be in place.**

A Notice of inspection has been affixed to the structure at: Electrical Panel

Types of Termites: N/A

This Company has treated the structure(s) at the time of inspection  YES  NO

If YES, Common name of organism treated: N/A

Name of pesticide used: N/A Terms and Conditions of Treatment: N/A

Method of treatment:  Whole Structure  Spot Treatment N/A

Specify Treatment Notice Location: N/A

**SECTION 5 - WDO REPORT COMMENTS**

Comments :

Reading the attached recommendation page(s) will help complete your understanding of the information contained within this report and is strongly advised. Please call (844)553-3768 if you have any questions. Client is further advised to obtain Repair Estimates and the professional opinions of Licensed Building Contractors with regards to ALL areas of wood damage documented in this Report. Be advised that NO prior treatment evidence for termites was observed; We Recommend all homes be under an active Termite Warranty by a licensed pest control company prior to closing.

(Use additional pages, if necessary)

Neither the Company (Licensee) nor the inspector has any financial interest in the property inspected or is associated in any way in the transaction or with any party other than for inspection purposes.

Signature of License or Agent: Jay P. St. Date: 4/11/2023

Address of Property Inspected: 1234 Sample St, Sample, FL 123400 Inspection Date: 04/07/2023

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## ADDENDUM

Evidence of drywood & subterranean termites was observed in the attic of the home and the barn. The evidence was in the form of termite galleries and frass. Mud is seen in the Sub termite galleries.

## RECOMMENDATION PAGE

## BELOW GRADE ON AN EXTERIOR WOOD FRAME AREA

Re: WDO Inspection #: 2572Date: 04/07/2023ADDRESS: 1234 Sample St

This house or portions of this house are built with wood framing, covered by stucco or siding, which extends to, or into the ground. This combination is a primary feature Subterranean Termites use to enter the house undetected. To determine if Subterranean Termites are currently in these locations, the stucco would have to be cut somewhere between ground and floor level and the stucco removed from under that cut. If siding is present, the siding would have to be removed between floor & ground level, or the ground level lowered to expose the stem/foundation wall. Ground should not be removed if it results in a trench against the foundation/stem wall that would allow water to collect. Once these procedures are performed these areas could then be re-inspected to see if Subterranean Termite activity is present in these areas. Additionally, these areas could then be inspected for mud (shelter) tubes or their residue. If mud tubes or mud tube residue is present, there is a possibility that hidden damage exists in those areas to wall framing and wall sheathing etc. If termites or mud tubes are present, we would recommend treatment. Treatment can be by liquids or baits and typically carry a one year warranty renewable thereafter on a year to year basis. Some warranties cover re-treatment only while others will repair any "new" Subterranean Termite damage. It is important that any warranty issued be for the entire life of the property is currently under a Subterranean Termite warranty, we would recommend that you contact the treating company immediately, so they may take any actions that they might deem appropriate in accordance with their policies. It is very important to take careful measurements to make sure exterior wall coverings are only removed from areas that are below the level of the slab. Removal of external wall coverings above slab level may result in water intrusion and much worse.

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## DAMAGE/EVIDENCE ON WOOD FRAME OR CMU

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Drywood Termites live deep within the wood, and just because none were "observed" does not necessarily mean they are not present. Due to the biology, and colony development of Drywood Termites specifically, it is very common for live active infestation to be present, yet not "visually observable". If the building has not been treated for Drywood Termites specifically, it is reasonable to assume that they may still be present. There are various ways of eliminating Drywood Termites. Occasionally, if the colony can be isolated, it can be physically removed by eliminating all the damaged wood with no treatment whatsoever necessary. Partial and whole house treatments can be done with liquid termiticides, such as "Tim-Bor", "Bora-Care" and other products. Tent fumigation is generally accepted as the most efficacious method of eliminating Drywood Termites and has the ability of eliminating those colonies which are hidden, or that might not be accessible to liquid treatment techniques. As a result of a termite treatment, a guarantee/warranty/bond will be issued. There are generally two major types available. One is a re-treatment only warranty and the other is a repair & re-treatment warranty covering any actual "new" Drywood Termite damage. Any damage noted on the actual inspection report should not be construed to be a list of all damage present, just the damage that was "visually observed".

damage/evidence is adjacent to a wood frame area, wall coverings would need to be removed to visually determine the extent of any possible hidden damage. If this house is not currently covered by a Drywood Termite warranty/guarantee, I would recommend that this house be treated for Drywood Termites by whatever means the purchaser & treating company agree to. A typical warranty for this treatment would be for one year initially, with annual renewal options available thereafter. It is very important that any treatment performed results in a warranty on the entire structure.

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## DAMAGE/EVIDENCE ON WOOD FRAME

Re: WDO Inspection #: 2572Date: 04/07/2023ADDRESS: 1234 Sample St.

This house or portions of this house are built with wood frame construction. Subterranean Termite evidence, and/or damage, has been discovered in a wood frame area. To visually determine the extent of any possible hidden damage, wall coverings would need to be removed so the wall framing would be visually accessible. A wood destroying organism inspector could determine the extent of any possible hidden damage, once the wall coverings have been removed, but a structural engineer or licensed general contractor is best suited to determine how the repairs should be done. When removing wall coverings, the initial cut should be sufficiently large so the inspector/contractor is able to visually examine the framing members adjacent to the originally reported damaged area. This removal of wall coverings should continue both horizontally and vertically until no more damage is observed. It is usually best to examine all areas adjacent to the damaged area as termites can skip over some wall studs/framing members and re-appear further up/down the wall. To make a visual determination of live infestation in the previously inaccessible areas, such as inside the wall, a W.D.O. Inspector, or an appropriately qualified building trade expert could probe the wall framing after the wall coverings have been removed, but before any repairs are made to the wall framing. To determine if all of the damaged wood was replaced, a W.D.O. Inspector, or qualified expert of the building trade should view the repaired area before insulation, and drywall or other wall coverings are put in place. If a "clear" inspection is needed, this must be done by the WDO inspector. If the house is under an active termite "warranty", "bond" or "bait program" of any type, a representative from the company that directs that program, should be notified immediately, so they may take any actions they might deem appropriate in accordance with their policies. If no warranty is currently in place on the property, we recommend that the house be treated for Subterranean Termites, by a professional pest control company licensed to do so in the State of Florida. This type of treatment typically carries a one year warranty, renewable thereafter, on a year to year basis. Some warranties are for re-treatment only, while other warranties cover re-treatment as well as the repair of any "new" Subterranean Termite damage. Subterranean Termites live in colonies underground which cannot be located. The colony which has attacked this structure cannot be located, therefore, we recommend that any treatment be of the entire structure, or at a bare minimum, that the treatment performed results in a warranty being placed on the entire structure, and since this is a wood frame structure we recommend that the warranty include a provision for the repair of any new damage.



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