

Termites & Rebuilding

The beginning of a renovation project is the best time to tackle your termite problems. After removing the dry wall, live termite infestations and problem areas are easily identifiable.

- ✓ Take advantage of easy access to all termite entry points for treatment.
- ✓ Have gutted properties inspected and treated where necessary.
- ✓ Check plumbing penetrations, cracks, expansion joints, etc. Hidden entry points are clearly visible.
- ✓ Replace damaged areas with treated wood or apply wood treatments.
- ✓ Retreat the broken termiticide barrier if necessary.



- ✓ **Remove all wood forms. If left in place, wood forms get covered and cannot be inspected. The wood left behind becomes an undetectable termite highway to your home.**

Install access panels near the plumbing penetrations for future inspection. This photo shows a bath trap after the concrete has been poured. Note that the bath trap was formed with wood. These boards should be removed, but sometimes they are left behind. Besides wood, a variety of materials used to form out the bath traps may include plastic buckets and cardboard boxes. When left in place, the wood and cardboard can actually attract termites, and the plastic can block the treatment and provide a safe path for the termites to enter.



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