PEST TREATMENT — GUIDE

Termite treatment types and prices

Compare liquid soil treatment, bait stations, local treatment and whole-home treatment. Read sourced US price ranges before you request a quote.

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Start with identification. Ask the inspector whether the termites live in soil or in wood. Ask for a drawing of the affected areas. A price alone cannot tell you which method fits the infestation.

EPA describes liquid soil treatments and termite baits as common approaches. UC IPM distinguishes subterranean termites from drywood termites. These sources support method choices. HomeGuide supplies the price ranges below. It is a commercial cost publisher, not a regulator or a local quote service.

Compare the methods

| Method | What to ask | | --- | --- | | Liquid soil treatment | Where will the liquid go? Is drilling needed? How will wells and drains be protected? | | Bait stations | Who checks the stations? What does renewal include? What happens if activity continues? | | Local wood treatment | What evidence shows the infestation is confined to the treated wood? | | Whole-home fumigation | Why is local treatment insufficient? What must leave the building? | | Heat for drywood termites | How will the operator monitor hard-to-heat areas? What items must be removed? |

Liquid barriers and bait stations address different site conditions. Neither is automatically the right choice for every termite. Ask the provider to explain the inspection evidence behind its plan. EPA warns that incorrect soil treatment can contaminate a home or drinking-water well.

US planning prices

These are HomeGuide ranges, checked 2026-11-10. Amounts are USD. They are not Canadian prices. Do not add the rows together. They describe different jobs and measurement bases.

| Method and scope | Published range | | --- | --- | | Bait stations, whole-home perimeter | $1,000 to $2,500 | | Bait monitoring, each year | $200 to $400 | | Chemical soil treatment, each linear foot | $3 to $20 | | Gas fumigation, average home | $2,000 to $8,000 | | Heat, each square foot | $1 to $3 |

HomeGuide says its figures use research and project costs reported by members. Your quote can differ because of access, foundation type, infestation and work scope. Get a measured quote. Do not compare a price per linear foot with a price per square foot.

Check what the contract covers

Ask whether the price includes inspection, drilling, station installation, monitoring and return visits. Separate treatment from wood repair. Ask whether the guarantee pays for another treatment, damage repair or neither. Request the renewal price and cancellation terms in

writing.

Keep leaks under control and reduce wood contact with soil, as EPA advises. Treatment does not repair damaged wood. Ask an appropriate building professional to assess suspected structural damage.

Renters should send the inspection findings to their landlord or property manager. Ask who will approve access and arrange work. Responsibility for payment depends on the lease and local rules; this guide does not assign it.

Sources

- Termites: How to Identify and Control Them | US EPA. Fetched and checked 2026-11-10.
- Subterranean and Other Termites / Home and Landscape / UC Statewide IPM Program (UC IPM). Fetched and checked 2026-11-10.
- How Much Does Termite Treatment Cost? (2026). HomeGuide, commercial US cost guide. Fetched and checked 2026-11-10.

Frequently asked questions

Is bait always cheaper than liquid treatment?

No. Compare the full installation and monitoring scope in written quotes.