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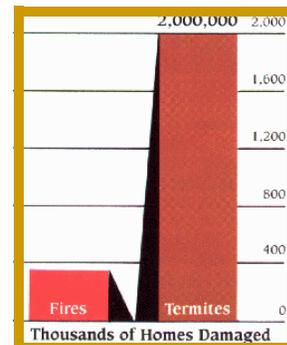
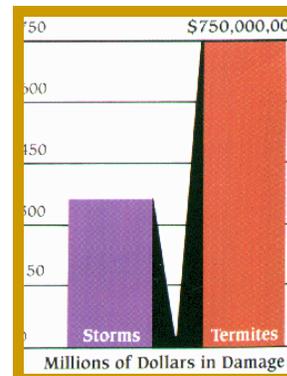
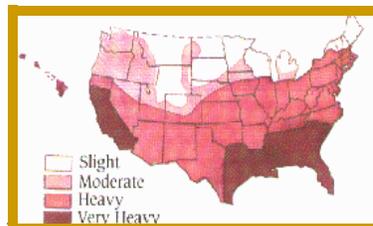
Subterranean termites do more damage than fires and weather!

People are concerned - with good reason - about the possibility of damage and loss from fires, and from severe weather. But statistics show that there's far greater reason for concern about damage caused by subterranean termites...the very costly "underground movement." Termites cause more than \$750,000,000 in damage each year. That's more than is caused by all fires and storm combined - and earthquakes as well.

Granted, the damage caused by termites isn't as dramatic as a fire or tornado. And it may not be discovered for years. But eventually it can lead to sagging floors, loose trim, cracked plaster, and more. Eventually, major repairs to the structure may be necessary.

As the map shows, no one is completely free from the threat of termites. Although they are more of a problem in the South, they are present to some extent in every state except Alaska.

It has been said that in this country there are only two kinds of homes: Those with termites, and those that will have termites.



TERMITE QUESTIONS & ANSWERS ...

Aren't termites less of a problem in northern states?

Somewhat. But even in Chicago, one out of 16 buildings has been found to be infested.

Are termites a problem in new buildings?

They've been found in some new homes shortly after construction was completed.

Can termites attack a home built on a slab?

Definitely. All they need is a crack or slight gap around plumbing. Any opening greater than 1/64" is like an open door to them. And once inside a slab-type home, termites are especially difficult to detect.

Are there any "termite-proof" types of construction?

There have been many attempts, but none have been successful.

I've never seen termites swarming in my home. Does that mean my home is termite-free?

Not necessarily. It may mean only that you missed seeing the swarm. Swarming usually lasts less than an hour, and only occurs once or twice a year. Also, they may not swarm at all; or if they do, you may not see them.

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