

# Structural Pest Division

## Georgia Department of Agriculture

### Compliance Fact Sheet

#### Termite Bait Products

This fact sheet is for structural pest control operators and technicians. It provides guidance on how to comply with the Wood Destroying Organisms (WDO) control measures for the use of termite bait product regulations in the Rules of the *Georgia Structural Pest Control Act*.

#### **When does the rule apply?**

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The rule requires specific minimum control standards, record keeping requirements, and contract requirements when a baiting system is used for the control or prevention of subterranean termites.

#### **What bait products are allowed under the rule?**

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An approved termiticide bait that is registered by U.S. EPA and the Georgia Department of Agriculture. The product label must also allow the use for stand-alone structural protection.

#### **What information must be included in the contract?**

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A written contract must include all information required under the WDO contract rule. See [Notice 14-04: Wood Destroying Organisms Contract Fact Sheet](#) for a complete list of contract requirements.

#### **What additional information must be included on the contract?**

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Termite baiting system contracts must contain the following statement in at least 1/8-inch letters and blocked in with a heavy black line:

The removal of the bait or baiting system may result in a lack of termite protection.

#### **What is required on the initial installation of a baiting system?**

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The installation must be made consistent with all label and labeling directions. A **diagram** consisting of a reasonable depiction of the structure to include the locations of any:

- active infestations
  - previous infestations
  - Approximate location of all bait or monitoring stations
- The date of inspection
  - The date of bait or monitor installation

#### **What are the minimum standard requirements?**

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- Installation of an approved bait and baiting system
- Removal of cellulosic material from underneath building
- Wooden contacts removed or insulated
- Crawl space clearance 18 inches or greater
- Remove visible accessible termite tunnels

#### **What information is required for monitoring inspections?**

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Baits and baiting systems must be monitored consistent with the product label and labeling. For each monitoring inspection, the following is required:

- date of inspection
- results of the inspection for each station
- notation of any stations not able to monitor
- notation of additional stations added and installed

### **What information is required when termiticide bait is installed/applied?**

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A pesticide use record is required each time a bait is applied or modification is made to a termite bait system and the record must be provided to the property owner, resident or custodian of the property. See **Notice 14-02: [Pesticide Use Record](#)** for a complete list of pesticide use record keeping requirements.

### **How long must records be maintained?**

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The licensee is required to retain copies of the contract and supporting documentation (pesticide use records, diagrams, waiver form) during the contract period and for two years following the expiration date of the contract. Monitoring records shall be retained for 2 years.

### **Baiting system for new construction**

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Must be installed and monitored, consistent with product label and labeling direction for a minimum of one year at no additional cost to the property owner. The installation of baiting system must be installed within ninety (90) days after the earlier of:

- granted “certificate of occupancy”
- occupancy of owner or tenant
- property closing of sale
- Completion of backfilling

### **Baiting system for Official Georgia Wood Infestation Inspection Report when active termites are found during the coverage period**

Must be installed and monitored, consistent with product label and labeling directions for a minimum of one year at no additional cost to the property owner.

### **What is required under the complete retreatment rule 620-6-.07?**

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This rule and [Notice 16-03 Termite Warranty Retreatment](#) requires a comprehensive soil termiticide application, defined soil termiticide application or alternate application technique.

### **Online Resources**

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#### [Laws & Regulations](#)

[Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission](#)

Also listed at [www.agr.georgia.gov/structural](http://www.agr.georgia.gov/structural)

If further assistance is needed, contact the Structural Pest Control Division at (404) 656-3641 or [pest@agr.georgia.gov](mailto:pest@agr.georgia.gov)

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