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Compliance Assistance Module

Termite Baiting





Objective

To provide compliance assistance with the use of termite bait product in accordance with the *Rules of the Georgia Structural Pest Control Act*.

This includes what termite baits are permissible, what a WDO contract should look like, along with installation and monitoring guidelines.





WDO Contracts

Every job concerning wood destroying organisms (WDO) needs to have its own contract with these specific stipulations:

- Type of control measure used
- Effective date and contract period
- A structure diagram
- Price of treatment
- Terms of any guaranty or warranty
- Conditions for renewal
- Limitation of liability
- Property owner signature
- Three day right of contract cancellation





WDO Contracts

- Any guaranty or warranty NEEDS to have one of these statements at the top of the first page in 1/8” letters with a heavy black outline:

This contract provides for retreatment of a structure but does not provide for the repair of damages caused by wood destroying organisms.

This contract provides for retreatment of a structure and the repair of damages caused by wood destroying organisms within the limits stated in this contract.

- Termite baiting system contracts needs to have the following statement in the same style:

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



Official Georgia WIIR

- WIIR is used for reporting evidence of wood destroying organisms and conditions conducive to their infestation
- The Official Georgia WIIR is the ONLY form that can be used for transfer of property in GA
- For more information and a copy of the Official Georgia WIIR, check out [the WIIR Fact Sheet](#)





Termite Bait Products

- Baits approved by the EPA and GDA can be used as long as the label allows for stand-alone structure protection
- The full list of registered pesticides can be found in our [GDA Database](#)





Bait Installation

- Installation of bait should comply with the label
- Installation also requires a diagram including:
 - Previous infestations
 - Active infestations
 - Location of all bait stations





Bait Installation Standards

Minimum standards include:

- Using approved bait/baiting system
- Removal of cellulosic material/conducive environment
- Wooden contacts removed or insulated
- Crawl space clearance greater than 18 inches
- Removal of visible termite tunnels





Bait Monitoring

- Baits should be monitored according to the label
- Each inspection should include:
 - Date of inspection
 - Results for each station
 - Notation of any stations unable to be reached
 - Notation of any stations added
- Any time bait is applied, or a station is modified, a pesticide use record is **REQUIRED**





Bait Monitoring

- For newly constructed residential buildings, baits **MUST** be installed and monitored for a minimum of one year at no additional cost
 - Must be within 90 days of earliest of:
 - Granting of Certificate of Occupancy
 - Occupancy by owner, tenant, or otherwise
 - Closing of a permanent loan on the structure
 - Completion of backfilling by building contractor or owner





Additional Resources

WDO contracts require specific wording and appropriate documentation. For more information check out:

- **Notice 14-04:** [WDO Contract Fact Sheet](#)
- **Notice 24-01:** [Termite Baiting Fact Sheet](#)
- **Notice 16-03:** [Termite Warranty Retreatment Rule](#)
- [Structural Pest Control Act \(O.C.G.A. § 43-45\)](#)

The Georgia Department of Agriculture has issued this guidance document to help pest management professionals comply with the Rules of the Georgia Structural Pest Control Act. This document does not include all regulatory requirements. Refer to the complete Rules of the Georgia Structural Pest Control Act for all rules and regulations.

GDA is here for you!

We're standing by to take your questions.



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