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PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

80-10-9-.20 Termite Treatment Requirements.

Minimum requirements for subterranean termite control or eradication in addition to treatment specifications of label and labeling:

- (1) Access Openings. Provide suitable access opening to partially excavated areas and to any other areas requiring inspection or treatment for presence of subterranean termites.
- (2) Sanitation. Remove all cellulose-bearing debris such as scrap wood, form boards, wood chips, paper, stumps, etc., from underneath or immediately adjacent to a building which would interfere with effective treatment and inspections. This excludes shavings or other cellulose material too small to be raked with the tines of an ordinary garden rake or other suitable implements; large stumps or roots that are too sound to be removed shall be trenched, drilled or rodded and treated provided they are six (6) inches or more from wood superstructure.
- (3) Clearance. Provide by excavation, sufficient space for application of proper control measures and inspection by a person to all crawl space areas of a building. In any case, minimum clearance between soil and bottom of floor joists shall be twelve (12) inches, such clearance for subsills or supporting girders shall be eight (8) inches. If foundation footings are less than twelve (12) inches below edges of joists, subsills, or supporting girders, a sufficient bank of soil shall be left adjacent to footings for support purposes.
- (4) Wood-to-Ground Contacts. Break all wood-to-ground contacts underneath and outside of structure. Wooden steps, support piers, trellises, lattice work and other such wooden parts of building shall be set on a concrete base or other base which is impervious to termites or shall be altered so that they are not in direct ground contact. The top of concrete base or other base shall be not less than four (4) inches above the ground. If because of financial or other consideration, the property owner does not give written consent to the removal of wood-to-ground contacts, wood treatment and soil treatment at the point of contact shall be used. Pressure-treated piling foundations are excepted from this requirement.

(5) Termite Tunnels. Scrape all subterranean termite tunnels from foundation walls, pillars, pilasters, piers, chimney, and step buttresses, and any pipes and other structures below the sill line.

(6) Treatment of Voids. Approved chemical(s) shall be applied to cracks and voids in foundation walls, piers, pillars, chimneys, pilasters, and step buttresses, and any void created by their placement, and other structure(s) or area(s) likely to be penetrated by subterranean termites. Chemical(s) shall be applied under sufficient pressure to treat all cracks and voids therein below level of application. It shall be the responsibility of the permittee to adequately treat these areas. In concrete block construction, drilling will not be required where accessibility to voids is already available through construction.

(7) Treatment of Dirt-filled Area. Treat soil under dirt-filled structures such as porches, carports, driveways, terraces, or other similar structures attached to the building by voiding, rodding, and/or drilling. It shall be the responsibility of the permittee to adequately treat these areas.

(8) Spot Treatment. (when used in reference to subterranean termite treatment, or control work) Spot treatment(s) shall not be used in lieu of Comprehensive or Defined Post Construction Soil Treatment unless structure is currently under contract by permittee performing treatment(s). Spot treatment(s) are intended to protect a specific location, or spot of the structure and is not intended for the purpose of complete structural protection. In the event of less than complete treatments (spot treatments), the contract shall specify spot treatment and shall clearly identify the areas treated.

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