



## HomeTeam's "No-Move-Out" Termite Treatment

### ***What is HOMETEAM'S TERMITICIDE?***

HOMETEAM'S TERMITICIDE is an EPA Registered, low toxicity pesticide designed by the Nisus Corporation in Rockford, TN, to penetrate and protect all types of wood, including plywood and composites, from infestations of wood boring insects such as termites, beetles, carpenter ants and decay fungi. Our termiticide is an odorless, colorless treatment which can be applied to your wood.

### ***How does HOMETEAM'S TERMITICIDE protect the wood?***

One of the main components of HOMETEAM'S TERMITICIDE is boron, a fairly common element which happens to be toxic to many insects, decay fungi and some forms of bacteria. Although the effectiveness of HOMETEAM'S TERMITICIDE against insects such as termites and wood boring beetles is well documented, the actual mechanism of toxicity is not completely understood. The most widely accepted theory is that it kills the beneficial microbes that live in the insects' gut. These microbes help the insect to digest food and without them the insect essentially starves to death.

When applied, HOMETEAM'S TERMITICIDE will eliminate existing infestations and provide long lasting protection against future infestations. Those insects which attack the treated wood also ingest the HOMETEAM'S TERMITICIDE which kills them.

Many insects, such as carpenter ants, find HOMETEAM'S TERMITICIDE treated wood repellent. Unlike termites, carpenter ants do not actually eat wood but use it as nesting sites. They exude chemicals which soften the wood for easier removal. While releasing and absorbing these chemicals, these ants ingest the HOMETEAM'S TERMITICIDE in the wood which then destroys their gut microbes. They, too die from starvation.

### ***Why is it necessary to treat wood with HOMETEAM'S TERMITICIDE?***

Wood is an organic material used as food by many insects, bacteria and fungi. Since these organisms also require water, damp or wet wood is especially susceptible to attack. Water is the enemy of wood! Cracks, checks and knot holes are all points of entry for insects and water. Once water enters wood, decay may progress quite rapidly. HOMETEAM'S TERMITICIDE is water soluble and will automatically move into those areas high in moisture content where decay and insect infestations can start.

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HOMETEAM'S TERMITICIDE kills the insects and decay fungi and prevents the wood from rotting. Our application has two distinct functions. First, it controls infestations of wood boring insects and second, it prevents decay in those areas which may get wet.

***How is HOMETEAM'S TERMITICIDE applied?***

We apply HOMETEAM'S TERMITICIDE to your wood by spraying all exposed sides of the raw timber. Since HOMETEAM'S TERMITICIDE has no odor or toxic fumes, it may not even be necessary to leave your home or office during the application. It's a practical, eco-friendly alternative to tenting a structure.

***Will HOMETEAM'S TERMITICIDE immediately kill all insects present in the wood at the time of treatment?***

The time it takes to eliminate existing insect infestations is dependent on many factors such as wood thickness, moisture content and insect species. For example, the older stages of some beetle species eat very little wood. Although HOMETEAM'S TERMITICIDE is highly toxic to beetle larva, a few older larva may be able to complete their life cycle and emerge after treatment. This will not occur often enough to structurally damage any wood. HOMETEAM'S TERMITICIDE will prevent re-infestations and protect wood from decay if water does get into old insect holes.

***Is HOMETEAM'S TERMITICIDE treated wood safe?***

Yes, wood treated with HOMETEAM'S TERMITICIDE is non-toxic to people and animals. Some wood species, however, contain naturally occurring toxins which may be harmful if ingested.

***Does HOMETEAM'S TERMITICIDE change the appearance of the wood?***

Wood freshly treated with HOMETEAM'S TERMITICIDE will appear slightly darker than untreated wood. After a day or so, the treated wood will resume its original color. Our treatment will not affect painting, staining or gluing of the wood after treatment. In areas where aesthetics is not a concern (roof spaces above ceilings) we mix a natural (blue) dye marker in with the HomeTeam's Termiticide in order to effectively track and monitor the application for quality control purposes.

***What effect will HOMETEAM'S TERMITICIDE have on fasteners?***

HOMETEAM'S TERMITICIDE's active ingredient is a corrosion inhibitor. Therefore, fasteners made of steel and other ferrous metals should last longer in HOMETEAM'S TERMITICIDE treated wood than in untreated wood.

***What do you have to do after your wood is treated?***

Because HOMETEAM'S TERMITICIDE is water soluble, freshly treated wood should be protected from rain. For long term protection exterior surfaces can be coated with a water resistant paint or stain. It is not necessary to seal interior surfaces except in situations involving repeated moisture contact (shower stalls, bath houses, etc.).

***How does HOMETEAM'S TERMITICIDE get into the wood?***

When first applied, the HOMETEAM'S TERMITICIDE solution coats the surface of the wood. Within minutes the active ingredient penetrates the surface and enters the wood. HOMETEAM'S TERMITICIDE then begins to diffuse or move throughout the entire piece. How quickly diffusion occurs depends on wood species, moisture content and environmental conditions.

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***How is HOMETEAM'S TERMITICIDE different than other pesticides?***

Most other pesticides act either by poisoning the soil or by contacting the insect. This means that contamination of nearby water sources can occur or that toxic surface residues may be present. HOMETEAM'S TERMITICIDE is applied directly to the wood, thereby eliminating potential soil or water contamination. HOMETEAM'S TERMITICIDE penetrates throughout the wood and leaves no toxic surface residue. HOMETEAM'S TERMITICIDE works by depositing an active ingredient in the wood which will not decompose or vaporize like many other pesticides. This means that it will keep providing broad spectrum protection with little impact on our environment. We can apply HOMETEAM'S TERMITICIDE to interior and exterior wood surfaces with safety and confidence.

**Warranty Protection Plan**



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