Structural Pest Control Section · Division of Plant Industry
Georgia Department of Agriculture

Compliance Fact Sheet
Official Waiver

This fact sheet is for structural pest control operators and technicians. It provides guidance on how to comply with the **Official Waiver** of the Georgia minimum treatment standards for the control of subterranean termites form in the Rules of the *Georgia Structural Pest Control Act*. These rules were amended April 1, 2014.

What does the regulation require?

The rule allows for an exception(s) to the Georgia minimum treatment standards for subterranean termite treatments.

When can the form be used?

ONLY in situations where it is not possible or practical to meet the minimum treatment standards.

What information is required on the form?

All information in Rule 620-6-.07 including the following (see reference A: *Official Waiver Form*):

- company name
- address of company
- owner of property
- inspector name and certification or registration number
- address of structure (a separate form is required for each structure and reproductions of a form for multiple structures in not acceptable)
- owner/agent phone number
- type of treatment
- date job completed
- treatment standard(s) waived indicated by marking "NO"
- justification statement: explain in detail **what** areas of the structure do not meet treatment standards and **why** it is not possible to meet these standards.

Can the form be considered void?

Yes. The following reasons would cause the form to be void.

- incomplete sections
- not equivalent to required format or the revised 04/14 edition
- not signed
- diagram/graph not attached
- no justification or detailed explanation for each waived standard

Can the form be issued for existing conducive conditions when issuing an Official Wood Infestation Inspection Report?

No. The Waiver Form can only be used for subterranean termite treatments.

Who can sign the form?

The property owner or property owner's agent such as a builder may sign the form.

When can the form be issued?

The form should be issued when the contract is issued. A form can also be issued if structural conditions change or the structure requires a treatment.

Can all treatment standards be waived?

No. The form is not to be used to bypass the minimum treatment standards. For a defined soil treatment or a preconstruction treatment, the form is limited to the following conditions:

- all debris removed

- wooden contacts removed or insulated
- crawl space clearance 18 inches or greater

Can the form be issued for "Warranty Only Contracts"?

If conditions exist that would make it not possible or practical to meet the minimum standards, the form can be issued. For the *Date Job Completed* section indicate "Warranty Only Contract".

Online Resources

Laws & Regulations
Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission
Also listed at www.agr.georgia.gov/structural

If further assistance is needed, contact the Structural Pest Control Office or an inspector at (404) 656-3641 or inspection@agr.georgia.gov

The Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission and Georgia Department of Agriculture have 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.

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Reference A: Official Waiver Form

OFFICIAL WAIVER
Of the Georgia Minimum Treatment Standards for the Control of Subterranean Termites

NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS/AGENT - DO NOT SIGN THIS DOCUMENT UNTIL YOU HAVE READ AND SIGNED "CONDITIONS GOVERNING THE USE OF OFFICIAL WAIVER OF THE MINIMUM TREATMENT STANDARDS FOR THE CONTROL OF SUBTERRANEAN TERMITES" IN THIS DOCUMENT. THESE "CONDITIONS" MUST BE CONSIDERED PART OF THIS DOCUMENT. YOU MUST RECEIVE A COPY OF THIS REPORT AND SUPPORTING GRAPH AT TIME OF SIGNING OR SERVICE.

CONDITIONS GOVERNING THE USE OF THE OFFICIAL WAIVER OF THE MINIMUM TREATMENT STANDARDS FOR THE CONTROL OF SUBTERRANEAN TERMITES

1. The Official Waiver of the Minimum Treatment Standards for the Control of Subterranean Termites is intended to be used **ONLY** in situations where it is not possible or practical to meet the minimum treatment standards established by the Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission.
2. The Official Waiver of the Minimum Treatment Standards for the Control of Subterranean Termites is not to be used to bypass the minimum treatment standards nor is it used to notify any agency of government that a termite treatment has been completed. For defined post construction soil treatments and preconstruction soil treatments, only items #1, 2 and 3 are applicable.
3. By signing this document the property owner/agent acknowledges that the property identified will not receive a complete minimum treatment. Signing this document does not affect the terms of any guarantee between the property owner and the pest control company.
4. Each "no" must be explained in detail in the area provided on this document as to specifically what areas of the structure do not meet the treatment standards and why it is not possible to meet these treatment standards. Additional space is provided below.
5. All sections of this document must be filled out completely. Failure to comply with this requirement or failure to provide the explanation required in "Condition #4" above will constitute a violation involving misuse of this form and may render it void.

Name of Company_____

Address of Company_____

Owner of Property_____

Inspector name and certification/registration number_____

Address of Structure Treated - Note: A separated Official Waiver is required for each individual structure. Reproductions of the Official Waiver for multiple structures in not acceptable

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Phone Number of Property Owner/Agent_____

Indicate with a check mark those items that do NOT meet the minimum treatment standards.

SECTION ONE - TERMITE CONTROL

SOIL TREATMENTS - Note: For defined post construction soil treatments and Preconstruction soil treatments, only items # 1, 2 and 3 are applicable

Type of Treatment: Check One

_____Comprehensive post construction soil treatment

_____Defined post construction soil treatments

_____Pre-construction soil treatment

Date Job Completed_____ NO

1. All debris removed _____
2. Wooden contacts removed or insulated _____
3. Crawl space clearance 18 inches or greater _____
4. Foundation adequately drilled/treated _____
5. Voids adequately drilled/treated _____
6. Earth filled porches adequately drilled/treated _____
7. Contiguous slabs adequately drilled/treated _____
8. Slabs at/above grade adequately drilled/treated _____
9. Monolithic slabs adequately treated _____
10. Termite tunnels removed _____

Non Soil Pesticide, Device, Bait or Baiting System - Note: All items pertain to both post-construction and pre-construction applications

Date Job Completed_____ NO

1. All debris removed _____
2. Wooden contacts removed _____
3. Crawl space clearance 18 inches or greater _____
4. Barrier or baiting system installed consistent with label directions _____Not Applicable _____

Explain ***in detail*** what areas of the structure do not meet treatment standards and why it is not possible to meet these treatment standards. Also, attach a graph indicating the area(s) that were not treated to minimum standards. Failure to attach a graph and provide ***detailed*** written explanation will void this document. Use other side if necessary._____

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Signature of Property Owner/Agent_____ Date_____

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