



NGBS Green[™] (National Green Building Standard) Home Innovation Research Labs

 Earn 4 points for a no or low toxicity treatment in moderate to heavy termite zones in addition to a continuous physical foundation barrier.*



EarthCraft House[™] Sensibly Built for the Environment

• Earn Earn 3 points for an alternative termite treatment with no soil pretreatment: Non-toxic pest treatment of all lumber in contact with foundation (≥36").



LEED® for Homes

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SS 5. Non-Toxic Pest Control

 Earn up to 2 points for a borate treatment with a 3-foot band up from the foundation along with other nontoxic pest control measures in moderate to heavy and very heavy zones.*

Always check with your project developers for current point status and requirements. Points awarded under these programs are based on specific projects and subject to governing bodies' interpretations.

*See page 2 for zones on Termite Infestation Probability Map.









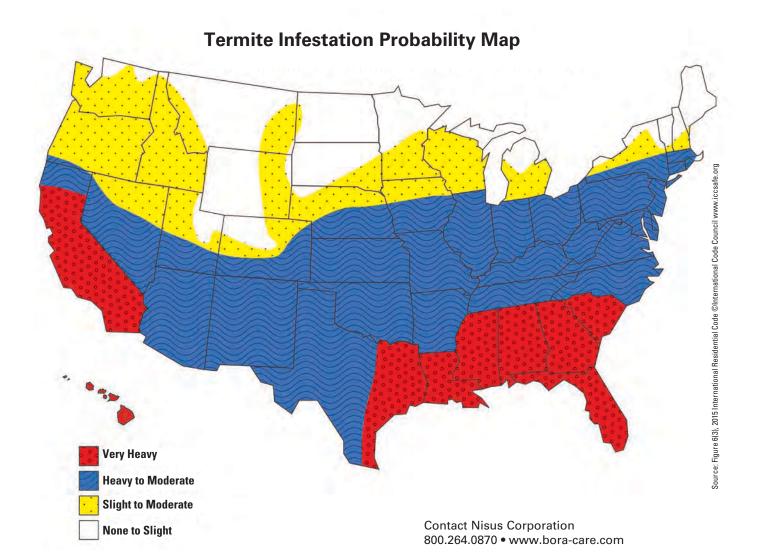
What Builders Need to Know... about green treatments for termites

Green building practices are becoming more and more important for your business. Your customers are asking for it, plus you can earn green building points by using a green new construction treatment for termites. Bottom line: It's good for your business *and* the environment.

This guide shows you how to maximize green points by using Bora-Care as your green new construction termite treatment, what "green" means when it comes to termite treatments and why you, as a builder, will gain an advantage by using Bora-Care for your termite treatment.

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10 Reasons Why

Bora-Care is THE green choice

THE ONLY BORATE-BASED PRODUCT WITH ESSENTIAL PRODUCT-SPECIFIC EFFICACY ALLOWED AS A PRIMARY TERMITE BARRIER NEW CONSTRUCTION TREATMENT • IT'S THE PERFECT GREEN SOLUTION FOR TERMITES





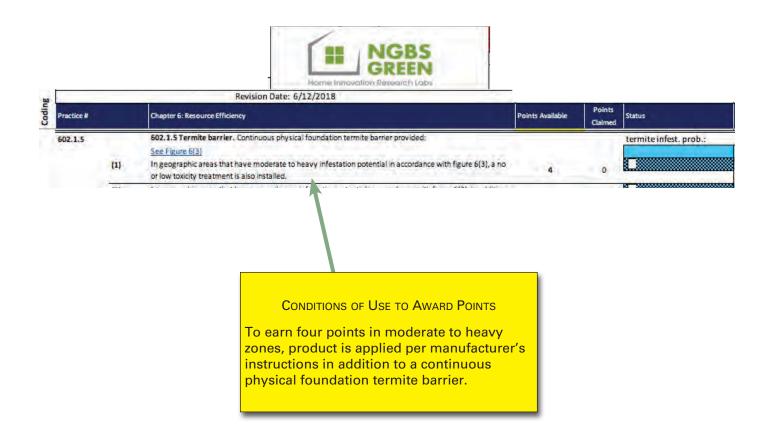




- Bora-Care wood treatments eliminate the need to pump termiticides into the ground. There is virtually no risk of contamination of soil, rivers, lakes or aquifers.
- Green builders using Bora-Care have eliminated more than 120 million gallons of diluted termiticide from being applied to the soil across the U.S.
- Builders can earn points in green building programs by using Bora-Care, including LEED® for Homes, NGBS Green Product Certification Program™, EarthCraft® and many others.
- Bora-Care penetrates the wood and remains in the wood, providing years of long-term, sustainable residual protection.
- Bora-Care saves water. Soil termiticides require large amounts of water for dilution. Using Bora-Care can save 200-300 gallons of water per average-size home.
- The element boron is found throughout nature and may be essential to the health of all living plants and animals.
- Mammals, birds, fish and reptiles can all excrete excess ingested boron, so it has little effect on these non-target organisms; however insects cannot process boron in the same way. As a result, boron accumulates in their systems and interferes with their ability to convert food sugars into energy, leading to starvation. This unique quality makes borates the perfect green solution for targeting termites.
- Bora-Care treated wood provides protection from subterranean, Formosan and drywood termites as well as wood boring beetles, carpenter ants and wood decay fungi. It also provides general pest protection by making the treated wood areas uninhabitable by pests such as cockroaches.
- Bora-Care emits no VOCs (Volatile Organic Compounds).
- Nisus provides a 30-year damage replacement warranty to your pest company when homes are registered under our program and inspected annually.

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NGBS New Construction Scoring Worksheet Home Innovation Research Labs



EarthCraft House Guidelines Excerpt from Worksheet

EarthCraft Worksheet

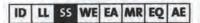
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DU 1: PRODUCTS & APPLICATIONS					
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DU 1.0	All roof valleys direct water away from walls, dormers, chimneys, etc.	7			
DU 1.1	Install drainage plane per manufacturer's specifications	Α.			
DU 1.2	Integrate drainage plane with	All	must co	mply	
	1. Window and door pan flashing at sills and side flashing				
	2. Window and door head/top flashing		1	1	
	3. Exterior wall cladding		-		
DU 1.3	Double layer of building paper or housewrap behind cementitious stucco, stone veneer or synthetic stone veneer on framed walls	3	×	Ti	
DU 1.4	Roof gutters that discharge water ≥5' from foundation	-	-		
DU 1.5	Flashing	. All	must co	nply	
	1. Self-sealing bituminous membrane or equivalent at valleys and roof deck penetrations	- 21		T	
	 Step and kick-out flashing at wall/roof and wall/porch or deck intersections, flashing ≥4" on wall surface and integrated with wall and roof/deck/porch drainage planes 	18	100		
DU 1.6	Maintain 2" clearance between wall siding and roof surface				
DU 1.7	If installed, crawlspace must be closed (not required if project is located in 100 yr. flood plain)	18			
OPTIONAL					
DU 1.8	Alternative termite treatment with no soil pretreatment		Select or	ie:	
1	A. Non-toxic pest treatment of all lumber in contact with foundation (≥36" above foundation)	3			
	B. Continuous foundation termite flashing	2	1		
DU 1.9	Vented rain scree behind exterior cladding	5		1	
DU 1.10	Roofing warranty 2 40-year	1			
DU 1.11	Outdoor deck mate ial (≥25-year warranty)	1	4		
DU 1.12	Install plants to mai tain distance ≥2' from home at maturity	2	PER ST	1	

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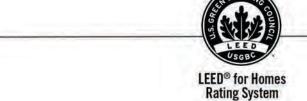
Maximum points: 2

*Always check with your LEED project developers for current point status and requirements.



NONTOXIC PEST CONTROL

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Intent

Design home features to minimize the need for poisons for control of insects, rodents, and other pests.

Requirements

Prerequisites

None.

Credits

- Pest Control Alternatives (½ point each, maximum 2 points). Implement one or more of the measures below. All physical actions (for pest management practices) must be noted on construction plans.
 - Keep all wood (i.e., siding, trim, structure) at least 12 inches above soil (code typically requires 8 inches).
 - b) Seal all external cracks, joints, penetrations, edges, and entry points with caulking. Where openings cannot be caulked or sealed, install rodent- and corrosion-proof screens (e.g., copper or stainless steel mesh). Protect exposed foundation insulation with moisture-resistant, pest-proof cover (e.g., fiber cement board, galvanized insect screen).
 - c) Include no wood-to-concrete connections or separate any exterior wood-to-concrete connections (e.g., at posts, deck supports, stair stringers) with metal or plastic fasteners or dividers.
 - d) Install landscaping such that all parts of mature plants will be at least 24 inches from the home.
 - e) In areas marked "moderate to heavy" through "very heavy" on the termite infestation probability map (Figure 1), implement one or more of the following measures (½ point each):
 - i) Treat all cellulosic material (e.g., wood framing) with a borate product to a minimum of 3 feet above the foundation.
 - ii) Install a sand or diatomaceous earth barrier.
 - iii) Install a steel mesh barrier termite control system.
 - iv) Install non-toxic termite bait system.
 - v) Use noncellulosic (i.e., not wood or straw) wall structure.
 - vi) Use solid concrete foundation walls or masonry wall with top course of solid block bond beam or concrete-filled block.

LEED for Homes Rating System

Termite Technology

Builders are Switching to Bora-Care's Innovative Termite Technology

uilders across the country are switching their termite new construction treatments to Bora-Care®, a termiticide that is sprayed on the wood instead of pumped into the ground. As both a time- and money-saver, Bora-Care offers

significant advantages to builders over old-style soil termiticides. A full day of cycle time savings is the primary factor driving this move, as well as the current trend toward green building practices.

Treatments with Bora-Care can even qualify a builder to earn **green building points** in many programs, including:

NGBS Green Product Certification

Program: : 2-6 pointsEarthCraft®: 1-6 pointsLEED® for Homes: 1 point

Many states offer similar green building

programs as well.

Bora-Care vs. Old Fashioned Methods

Environmental issues are critical to homeowners, making Bora-Care appealing to concerned builders. Traditional soil treatments pump 200 to 300 gallons of diluted termiticide under and around an average house. Bora-Care conserves water; it only uses 2–3 gallons per house. And because it is applied directly to wood, concrete, and foundation penetrations, there is virtually no danger of chemical run-off. Furthermore, Bora-Care's active ingredient is a natural borate mineral salt with a low mammalian toxicity, yet it is still deadly to insect pests. And Bora-Care emits no VOCs ("Volatile Organic Compounds").

Bora-Care has shown no compatibility issues with any type of piping systems. In addition, Bora-Care will not corrode metal fasteners, fittings or nails. **Many soil termiticides can cause damage to some piping systems, resulting in expensive post-construction repairs.**

Soil termiticides break down quickly and can leave gaps. The soil termiticide barrier can easily be broken during excavation and landscaping. Bora-Care creates a continuous barrier directly on the wood and concrete, not in the surrounding soil.

A True New Construction Termite Treatment— Not Just a Monitoring System

Baiting systems also pose problems, and termites can easily bypass them altogether. More importantly, if the homeowners don't want to pay the annual fees, the stations are removed and the home is left without any termite protection.

What is Bora-Care?

Bora-Care is an EPA-registered termiticide manufactured by Nisus Corporation. It is the only borate-based termiticide allowed as a primary two-foot termite barrier termite treatment with its own

product-specific field efficacy testing. Pest control companies apply it directly to the wood and concrete on walls, subfloors, sill plates, piers and expansion joints, and around pipe chases and plumbing protrusions. This creates a continuous barrier that termites cannot

cross and eliminates wood as a food source.

Treated wood is also protected against other wood destroying organisms such as carpenter ants, wood boring beetles and decay fungi.

Bora-Care offers the stability and reliability which builders find missing in soil termite treatments. A study conducted in Mississippi showed that soil termiticides can break down by 50% or more in just one year (Mulrooney et al, 2006). But with a single application done according to label directions, Bora-Care penetrates into wood, preventing infestation and delivering years of long-term residual protection.



Bora-Care new construction treatments give builders more schedule flexibility and control. They simply remove many of the common scheduling and performance problems builders encounter with old-style soil poisons.

Bora-Care saves builders a day of cycle time. Treatment is not weather-dependent, allowing builders to move forward regardless of conditions. Because Bora-Care is applied during the dried-in phase of construction, there is no need to coordinate pest control companies and cement companies. Bora-Care's ease of application allows PMPs to increase the number of houses they can treat in a day, which in turn increases the builders' schedule flexibility.

Proven Results

In addition to **EPA registration**, Bora-Care wood treatments are **HUD allowed and listed for use under the 2006 International Residential Code**, Section R320 *Protection Against Subterranean Termites*. Bora-Care also **meets the sill plate end-cut requirements** for pressure treated lumber set by building codes and the American Wood-Preservers' Association.

An independent 12-year study in Mississippi by the USDA and a second independent 5-year study in Florida by Mississippi State University's Forest Products Department demonstrated that wood treated with Bora-Care repelled termite attacks and prevented subterranean termites from tubing over treated wood. Additional tests by Louisiana State University showed that Bora-Care applied to concrete surfaces prevents Formosan termite tubing.

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Bora-Care Meets HUD Requirements

See HUD Forms 99-A and 99-B

- HUD Forms 99-A and 99-B list "field-applied wood treatment" (99-A) and "wood applied liquid termiticide" (99-B) as an option for termite treatment. Bora-Care is this type of termiticide.
- New construction projects backed by an FHA or VA loan require termite treatments in areas of moderate to heavy termite pressure.

HUD Form 99-A

