## DO'S AND DON'TS OF USING RECRUIT® AG FLEXPACK<sup>™</sup>

Recruit<sup>®</sup> AG FlexPack<sup>™</sup> termite bait is the latest innovation for the Sentricon<sup>®</sup> system. Recruit AG FlexPack bait stations are designed to initiate immediate feeding. This begins the colony elimination process whenever subterranean termite activity is visible above ground. Recruit AG FlexPack can eliminate subterranean termite colonies, including aerial colonies that may not be accessing the in-ground Sentricon stations.

Because they are often visible, above-ground stations are a reminder to customers that their termite problem is being taken care of. Here are some tips for using Recruit AG FlexPack termite bait.

## DO

- Be creative. Recruit AG FlexPack can tackle both interior and exterior spaces, and was developed to be moldable for installation around corners, over baseboards or trim, and in tight or angled locations.
- Pick the right cover. Inspect the site to determine the best cover option the beige, hard-style cover or black, soft-style, flexible cover. The flexible cover shields the bait from light and can be used in and around corners, over ornate molding and in areas smaller than the hard cover. The hard cover also shields the bait from light and mounts on flat surfaces. It also provides added security when needed and allows you to stack multiple stations on top of each other to increase the amount of bait.
- Find the right location and determine if the surface is suitable for attachment. You may need to prep the surface to allow for attachment. If signs of termite activity are present but no active mud tubes are available, holes approximately 3/8-inch in diameter may be drilled to intercept feeding galleries within the area to be covered by the bait station.
- Make sure there is enough moisture. Add 3 to 5 ounces of water or sports drink to thoroughly moisten the bait.
- Secure the station properly. Use proper methods to get a complete seal around the bait station so that air does not flow freely through it. You want the termites to feel comfortable and secure inside the station so they do not close off their tunnel leading into it. Some of the tools used to seal the station are liquid nails, rope cord, HVAC metal tape and plumber's putty.

## DON'T

- Contaminate the area. Make sure the customer has not contaminated the area with an application of an over-the-counter pesticide spray that could repel termites. Tell them not to tamper with or spray around the stations, as that could affect the performance. With Recruit<sup>®</sup> AG FlexPack<sup>™</sup> termite bait, a liquid spot treatment is not needed and can be detrimental to colony elimination.
- **Damage mud tubes.** If mud tubes are present, carefully break open the mud tubes where the station will be placed. The opening should be large enough to allow for termites to enter the station, but small enough that both exposed ends of the mud tube will be covered by the station. Use caution to limit mud-tube disturbance. If using the hard cover with mud tubes, remember to use the breakout points in the hard cover to avoid damaging the mud tubes.
- Forget to wear gloves. Gloves will be helpful as you are wetting and kneading the bait matrix.
- Give up. It can take time to feel comfortable using above-ground stations, so keep practicing and if you have any questions, contact your Sentricon sales representative for training.

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