

DuPont™ Altriset® Termiticide

Your home. Your environment.

Balancing priorities is part of every decision. If you want an effective, professional termite control product that also has an excellent environmental profile, DuPont™ Altriset® is the right choice.

Knowledge is power.

Especially when it comes to termites.

Termites cost U.S. homeowners \$5 billion in damage every year. Learning termite basics is the first step to protecting your home. Then it's time to call in a professional.

Identifying termites

Termites are:

- White or brown in color
- Soft, straight abdomens
- Varied in size, commonly around ¼ inch

Colonies

Once a queen discovers a suitable nesting site, she may stay and reproduce for the entirety of her life. Unfortunately, soil around a house has enough room for several colonies to survive at the same time, meaning you may have multiple infestations and damage sites at once.

- King and queen live 10 to 30 years
- Takes two to five years to produce a swarm, approximately 60,000 termites
- Colonies can grow into the millions

Swarms

Reproductive termites grow wings and swarm primarily between spring and early summer depending on location. Shed wings are a sign of infestation.

DuPont™ Altriset® gives you effective and long-lasting termite control—all with an excellent environmental profile.

A smart way to protect your investment

Termites live to eat. Their hunger causes \$5 billion worth of damage each year in the U.S.—damage most homeowners insurance doesn't cover. In fact, your home could be subject to an infestation for years without you knowing it.

Enter DuPont™ Altriset.® It works by paralyzing the mouths of termites within hours of exposure, stopping further damage immediately. But Altriset® doesn't stop there. It also increases termites' natural social behavior. Through increased aggregation and grooming behavior, they expose other colony members to Altriset.®

Altriset® works with innovative efficiency:

- Your professional termite control specialist applies Altriset® in targeted areas.
- The first wave of termites to come into contact with non-repellent Altriset® become exposed through contact and ingestion and then carry it on their bodies, affecting other unexposed termites. They cannot taste or smell it.
- Within several hours, the mouths of exposed termites become paralyzed to stop further feeding.
- Termites exposed to Altriset® experience increased grooming and interaction, affecting other termites in the colony.
- Over time, termites become more lethargic and show signs of muscle paralysis.
- Altriset® controls the termite population in three months or less when used in accordance with the label.

An intelligent choice with an excellent environmental profile

There are other professional liquid termite control products. So why choose Altriset®? Because its use combines highly effective control of termites with a low impact on the environment.

Altriset® is the first major innovation in termite technology since 2000. It was created by DuPont scientists who were interested in developing an innovative chemistry that mimicked the insecticidal properties known to occur in certain substances found naturally in various tree species and would therefore cause less harm to beneficial organisms. This superior combination makes Altriset® the right choice for you.

Altriset® provides the performance you would expect. It offers immediate and long-lasting structural protection along with an excellent environmental profile.

Altriset® is also the first liquid termiticide to be registered as reduced-risk for use on termites by the U.S. EPA under its Reduced-Risk Program.

Low impact on beneficial organisms

Although Altriset® is extremely effective on termites, its chemistry is targeted so that it has little impact on the organisms you do want in your yard – such as honey bees and earthworms.

Prevention and treatment

Any type of crack is an open door for termites. Repainting your home, repairing obvious cracks and trimming shrubbery away from walls help, but termites are small and prevention isn't always possible – especially for older structures. Contacting a professional for an assessment is the best way to protect your home.

How Altriset® is applied

Your termite professional will apply Altriset® within a six-inch deep trench dug around the perimeter of your home. After this is covered with dirt, there will be no visible sign of treatment. Areas where concrete slabs are present – such as garages, porches and basements – require drilling so that access to ground application is possible. An application of Altriset® around the full exterior of the home allows for a long-lasting zone of non-repellent termiticide that effectively keeps termites from damaging your home.

What to look for

Most termite species live underground. They seek moisture and position themselves near or underneath the foundation of your home. Common signs of an infestation include:

- **Mud tubes** The easiest sign to detect. These pencil-width paths lead from the nest to your home. Check the surrounding land, outer foundation wall, any crawl spaces and your basement.
- **Swarms** Reproductive termites will swarm primarily between spring and early summer depending on location. Check for this type of termite and the wings they shed. Shed wings can often be found near windowsills, as winged termites are attracted to light.
- **Conductive conditions** Termites are attracted to certain conditions that help assist their development. Look for wood in direct contact with soil, and high moisture in and around your home. Try to correct these conditions to prevent further termite entry into your home.
- **Weakened wood** Long, thin cracks and sagging can mean wood has been hollowed out by termites.

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