

TURF, LAWNS, LANDSCAPE AND NON-CROP AREAS - FIRE ANT CONTROL - INDIVIDUAL MOUND TREATMENT

General Information

USE INFORMATION

WHERE TO USE

To control imported fire ants on turf, lawns and landscapes, and other noncrop areas.

HOW OPTIGARD FIRE ANT BAIT WORKS

Optigard Fire Ant Bait is formulated in an oil bait that functions as an attractant to imported fire ants.

Optigard Fire Ant Bait is a stomach insecticide which acts slowly to reduce fire ant colonies. An effective fire ant insecticide should be slow acting so that the bait can be passed by the workers throughout the ant colony and eventually to the queen. Optigard Fire Ant Bait is toxic to fire ants; however, it is most effective against the fire ant queen and causes an immediate halt of egg production and disappearance of worker brood. The disappearance of worker ants leads to the decline and eventual elimination of the fire ant colony.

Limitations, Restrictions, and Exceptions

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When to Apply:

Apply when ants are actively foraging (typically when soil temperatures are greater than 60°F [15°C]) or consult your state agricultural experiment station or state extension service for optimum timing of application. In cases where reinfestation occurs or when very large mounds remain active, retreatment may be desirable after 3-4 months. Apply after dew or rainfall has dried for maximum effectiveness. For best results, do not apply if rainfall is anticipated within 4-6 hours after application.

Note: Allow 7-10 days after applying Optigard Fire Ant Bait before using a contact insecticide. This allows worker ants time to distribute bait throughout the colony.

How to Apply:

Individual Mound Treatment: For best results, use 5-7 tbs. of Optigard Fire Ant Bait per mound. Sprinkle the bait uniformly in a circle around the base of the mound, out to a distance of approximately 2-4 ft. Apply at a rate of 1 lb. of bait/A. Do not contaminate kitchen utensils with this product.

LIMITATIONS: Do not use in pastures, rangeland, or croplands.

Method

[Mound treatment](#)

Timings

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