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## LEGAL REFERENCE

Florida Building Code, 8th Edition (2023) Residential  
R318.1 Termite Protection.

Termite protection shall be provided by registered termiticides, including soil applied pesticides, baiting systems, and pesticides applied to wood, or other approved methods of termite protection labeled for use as a preventative treatment to new construction. See Section 202, REGISTERED TERMITICIDE. Upon completion of the application of the termite protective treatment, a Certificate of Compliance shall be issued to the building department by the licensed pest control company that contains the following statement: "The building has received a complete treatment for the prevention of subterranean termites. Treatment is in accordance with rules and laws established by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services."

## REQUIREMENTS

Florida Building Code requires pest management professionals who offer preventative treatment for subterranean termites for new construction to provide a Certificate of Compliance to the building department when treatment is completed.

- The Certificate(s) of Compliance should be uploaded directly into the permit record via our online permitting portal at <https://aca.tampagov.net>.
  - For simple step-by-step instructions on how to upload a Termite Certificate, please reference our [Accela Guide-Upload a Termite Certificate](#).
- The Certificate(s) must be submitted to and approved by the building department before a Certificate of Occupancy can be issued.

A sample of the acceptable form per the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services is included on page 2 of this document. Note that while we may accept certificates that vary from the aesthetic element of the sample document, the information required per code must be contained therein.

# Residential Termite Protection Requirements

## SAMPLE CERTIFICATE

**Certificate of Compliance for Termite Protection**  
(as required by Florida Building Code (FBC R318.1))

*Company Name and Telephone Numbers*

**Address of Treatment or Lot/Block of Treatment**

**Method of Termite Prevention Treatment - soil barrier, wood treatment, bait system, other  
(describe)**

**The building has received a complete treatment for the prevention of subterranean termites.  
Treatment is in accordance with rules and laws established by the Florida Department of Agriculture  
and Consumer Services.**

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**Authorized Signature**