

ASK THE NISUS EXPERTS

This month's expert: National Technical Manager **RON SCHWALB**, on dusting applications

1. I use borate dusts in my pest management applications; aren't all borate dusts the same?

While borate dusts have a lower toxicity than other dust products on the market, all borate dusts are not the same. There are several borate compounds on the market, each with different labels and qualities – including the types of pests that can be treated, efficacy and ease of application.

2. How does Boracide differ from the other borate dust products on the market?

Nisus Corporation's Boracide is a borate dust that offers pest management professionals an effective, versatile solution to a multitude of pest problems. Boracide, unlike boric acid, is labeled for a wide variety of pests, including roaches, ants (including carpenter ants), silverfish, drywood termites, earwigs, fly larvae in refuse containers and drain flies in drain applications. Other boric acid dusts are not labeled for the treatment of such a wide variety of pests. The Boracide formulation is anti-corrosive, so it won't harm metal; and it doesn't absorb moisture, which prevents caking problems and offers a better, easier application from a duster. Boracide's versatility allows PMPs to save costs and lighten their load because they won't have to carry a variety of products to target different pests anymore.

3. Can dusts be used in liquid applications?

Traditional boric acid dusts don't hold up well in water, so they aren't labeled for liquid formulations. Boracide, however, is water soluble. It can be used in a variety of applications, including as a liquid spray or mixed with liquid to form a mopping solution. As a spray solution, it may be applied to floors, baseboards and other non-food contact areas where insects are prevalent, or mopped on floors for the control of cockroaches. It may also be poured into the drain for the control of drain flies or applied to trash cans and dumpsters to control fly larvae.



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4. In addition to residential accounts, we have a school as a client as well. Can I use Boracide in a treatment plan for sensitive accounts?

PMPs should always read the label to understand the target pests that are



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covered and what applications and application areas are permissible. Boracide, because of its low toxicity and application alternatives is ideal not only for homes, but also for a variety of locations including hospitals, schools (based on their integrated pest management requirements), aircraft, hotels, supermarkets, zoos, kennels, restaurants and food-processing plants. Boracide is also labeled for application into drains, refuse containers, sewers and manhole cavities. It can be sprayed for fly larvae control in refuse bins and mopped or dusted for the control or prevention of many pests.

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