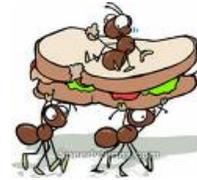




ANTS



Ants live in highly sophisticated, organized colonies which are usually located below ground level, but are sometimes found within buildings. Although ants are not known to transmit disease, they can be a nuisance. Ants usually gain access to a home by way of *window* or *door* openings, *cracks*, or by way *decaying wood frames* surrounding the window or door.

What you can do when an ant colony is located within your home:

- Follow the ant trail to determine the location of the underground nest BEFORE exterminating the ants in your house.
- After you have located the nest/colony, thoroughly spray this area as well as window or door cracks and interior ant trails with an approved pesticide.

Note: If the ants you see on your premises appear larger than usual, and are a shiny black color, they are *Carpenter Ants* and should be eliminated by a professional exterminator. Carpenter Ants can cause extensive damage to the wood in which they live and nest.

What you can do to prevent ants from entering your home:

- Close all food containers and clean all food preparation surfaces after use.
- Fill all cracks passing through walls and floors as well as cracks leading to spaces behind baseboards and door / window frames.
- Cracks on exterior surfaces require sealing.
- Trim branches and remove any exterior debris that may allow ants to scale up foundations.
- Avoid over winter storage of exterior items without carefully checking for signs of infestation.

Caution: Read all product directions carefully before buying insecticides and again before you apply them.



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