

PESTS COVERED: Ants

EFFECTIVE DATE : May 2008

**AFTER - SERVICE CHECKLIST** 



Common Ant Species:

Black Ants: White Footed House Ant, Carpenter Ant, Bulldog Ants, Brown Ants: Coastal Brown Ant, Odorous House Ant, Brown House Ant, Argentine Ant, Pharoah's Ant, Meat Ant

## Habitat

Ants are a social insect that live in more or less permanent nests. Colony sizes may vary and are mostly located in soil, wood or among rock.

They can be predators with specific prey (eg: termites) or scavengers which again can have a specific diet (honeydew or sugary excretions of plant-sucking bugs).

Ants are very common intruders in and around buildings often observed around foundations and in walls, roofs, voids, kitchens, lawns and gardens, the wood of decaying trees and rockeries.

Typically, worker ants forage from the nest for food, many by fairly well defined trails, once a food sources has been established. They employ many methods of trail marking (varied depending upon species), from landmarks, to laying down a scent trail.

## **Post Treatment Recommendations**

- DO leave residues along edges for at least 2-3 weeks
- **DO** wash any pet bowls with a cloth. Throw the cloth out after use

**DO** inform any other trades-persons that a pest control treatment has been carried out to the roof void and sub floor areas and recommend they wear PPE, i.e. gloves and dust mask.

DO NOT wash shelving, skirting or window frames for 2-3 weeks

DO NOT wash down treated zones for at least 2-3 weeks

- DO NOT touch or remove any ant station bait
- DO NOT allow pets to return to the yard until treatment has dried approximately 4-6 hours

DO NOT enter the treated area inside for 4-6 hours after treatment

## **Prevention Tips**

Effective control of ants lies on knowledge of their foraging and nesting habits, cleaning and keeping areas free of food scraps will help deter infestations.

- Keep cupboards and counter tops free of crumbs and food matter
- Wipe clean and dry jars before storing
- Keep opened food stuffs in sealed containers
- Place open food in the refrigerator
- Dirty crockery, cutlery and cooking utensils should be washed and stored away as soon as possible after use
- Garbage should be placed in bins with close-sealing lids.





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Bull-Ant

Bulldog Ant

Brown House Ant Meat Ant

Pharoah's Ant