



Ants (Formicidae) - Treatment Expectations for Our Valued Clients

Dear Esteemed Client,

We appreciate your trust in Horizon Pest Control for managing ant infestations effectively. Here's a comprehensive overview of what you can expect and why after our service for ants:

Understanding Ant Colonies:

- Ants are highly social insects with intricate hierarchies within their colonies.
- The Queen(s) governs, reproduces, and delegate tasks to the colony.
- The King(s) assists the Queen(s) in reproducing the ant population.
- Worker ants handle various tasks, including foraging, defending, grooming, and caring for the brood.
- Larvae act as the colony's "stomach," converting solid food into liquid for the entire population.
- Reproductive ants, known as "Swarms," are future kings and queens that initiate new colonies through mating.

Service Approach: Our professional knowledge of ant social behavior guides us to employ advanced control methods, leveraging their biological behavior against them. Worker ants, focused on the Queen's directives, communicate through chemical trails called pheromones.

Pesticide Selection: We use health-conscious, non-repellent pesticides, unlike many retail repellents that only deter ants temporarily. Our approach focuses on introducing non-repellant materials strategically in areas where worker ants encounter them. These materials work gradually, allowing the ants to actively spread them throughout the colony.

Treatment Duration: Please allow 2 to 3 weeks for the treatment to take effect, with material applications remaining effective for up to 4 to 6 weeks. Even if a small percentage of the colony is directly exposed (as low as 10%), control over the entire population is achievable.

Temporary Increase in Activity: It's normal to observe a slight increase in ant activity within the first 4-9 days as the active ingredient alters their behavior. As worker ants decline, the colony collapses due to reduced food intake, leading to disorientation.

Combining Treatments: Depending on the situation, repellent products may be used alongside non-repellant treatments to reduce visual activity in specific areas. The goal is not to alter ant behavior entirely but to encourage them to stay active in designated areas.

Special Notes:

- Species like Odorous House Ants and Pharaoh Ants may require 4-6 weeks for results due to multiple queens.

- Please refrain from applying any products on your own and be patient to allow the products to work.
- Avoid cleaning treated areas to ensure effective control.
- Our materials are health-conscious, specifically designed for pests with a body mass of less than an ounce.

Post-Treatment Occasional Sightings: Occasional ant sightings a few days after treatment are expected. Resist the urge to reapply too soon, as it may lead to pesticide buildup.

Follow-up and Additional Service: If activity persists after 3 weeks, contact us, and we'll assist through consultation or additional service if necessary.

Horizon's Commitment: With 50 years of experience, Horizon prioritizes value, logic, and the best health practices. Our work is guaranteed, and a single foraging ant does not constitute an issue.

In conclusion, ant treatment is a process requiring time to reach control. Colony sizes vary, but together, we will achieve our goals—peace of mind and the protection of health and property.

Thank you for choosing Horizon. If the issue persists beyond the 3-week period, call our office at 201-447-2530 to schedule a service call.

Sincerely,