



EXPECTATIONS:

## Ants (*Formicidae*)



**Dear Valued Client,**

Thank you for entrusting **HORIZON PEST CONTROL** for managing **ANT INFESTATIONS** effectively. Below is a comprehensive overview of what you can expect—and why—after our ant service.

### **Understanding ANT COLONIES**

Before outlining the treatment process, it is important to understand the biology and behavior of **ANT COLONIES**:

- Ants are highly social insects with complex colony structures.
- **THE QUEEN(S)** governs the colony, reproduces, and delegates tasks.
- **THE KING(S)** assists the Queen(s) in expanding the population.
- **WORKER ANTS** handle foraging, defending, grooming, and caring for the brood.
- **LARVAE** act as the colony's "stomach," converting solid food into liquid nourishment for all members.
- **REPRODUCTIVE ANTS ("SWARMERS")** are future queens and kings that mate and establish new colonies.

### **SERVICE APPROACH**

Our deep understanding of ant biology and communication informs our treatment strategy. Worker ants follow the Queen's directives and rely heavily on **pheromone trails** to navigate and communicate.

## PESTICIDE SELECTION

We use **health-conscious, non-repellent materials**, which differ significantly from many retail products that repel ants temporarily.

Our approach introduces non-repellents strategically into areas where workers travel. These materials act gradually, allowing ants to **carry and spread them throughout the colony**, leading to long-term control rather than temporary suppression.



## TREATMENT DURATION

- Please allow **2 to 3 weeks** for the treatment to take full effect.
- Materials remain effective for **4 to 6 weeks**.
- Even if only **10% of the colony** encounters the active ingredient, full colony control is achievable.



## TEMPORARY INCREASE IN ACTIVITY

It is normal to see a slight increase in ant activity during the **first 4–9 days**. This occurs as the active ingredient disrupts ant behavior. As worker ants decline, the colony receives less food, leading to **disorientation and eventual collapse**.



## COMBINING TREATMENTS

In some situations, we may use **repellent products** alongside non-repellents to reduce visible ant activity in targeted areas. The goal is not to stop ant movement entirely but to keep them **active in controlled areas** where treatments are most effective.



## SPECIAL NOTES

- Certain species—such as **Odorous House Ants** and **Pharaoh Ants**—may require **4–6 weeks** to achieve full control due to their multiple-queen structure.
- Please **do not apply any products on your own**, as this can interfere with treatment.
- Avoid cleaning treated areas to ensure optimal effectiveness.
- Our materials are **health-conscious** and designed specifically for pests with the biology of an insect, not mammals.

## ***POST-TREATMENT OCCASIONAL SIGHTING***

A few ant sightings in the days following treatment are normal.

Avoid reapplying products too soon, as this may cause **buildup and reduced effectiveness**.

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## ***FOLLOW-UP & ADDITIONAL SERVICES***

If ant activity continues after **3 weeks**, please contact us for a consultation or additional service.

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## ***HORIZON'S COMMITMENT***

With **over 50 years of experience**, **HORIZON** prioritizes value, sound reasoning, and the best health practices. Our work is guaranteed, and we assure you that **a single foraging ant does not constitute a problem**.

Ant treatment is a process that requires time for full control. Colony sizes vary, but together we will reach our goals—**peace of mind and the protection of your health and property**.

If activity persists beyond 3 weeks, please call our office at **201-447-2530**.

***Thank you for choosing HORIZON PEST CONTROL.***