

PROBLEMS WITH ANTS?

MANAGE SEASONAL ANTS LIKE A PRO. (NO ANTEATER REQUIRED)

1 DON'T USE ANT SPRAYS.

Sprays expose your family and pets to pesticides. They address less than 1% of the actual ant infestation (most of the colony is underground), and sprays are the top source of creek pesticide pollution in the Bay Area.

2 REMOVE WHAT THEY'RE AFTER.

Clean up ants, food and spills with soapy water to remove their scent trail.

3 CAULK HOLES AND CRACKS.

Apply diatomaceous earth (DE) in wall openings or cracks before sealing. This is the most effective measure for ant proofing your home.

4 IF YOU CAN'T BLOCK OR FIND AN ENTRY POINT,

place an ant bait station on the trail the ants have been following. Resist killing the ants as they are carrying the bait back to their nest. Remove the bait station when ants have disappeared so you don't attract more ants into your house.

5 TOLERATE ANTS OUTSIDE WHEN YOU CAN.

Ants serve an important function in soil aeration and garden cleanup.

6 ANTS IN PET DISHES?

Partially fill a wide, shallow container with soapy water and place pet bowls in the water. The soapy moat breaks water surface tension and will drown ants.

NEED EXPERT HELP?

Visit ourwaterourworld.org for more information on managing ants, factsheets on other common pest problems, and links to more resources. Use the free Ask-the-Expert service to speak with a professional for specific advice.

Want to just hire a service? Visit ecowisecertified.org for a pest control provider who understands how to safely stop reoccurring pest problems.



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