

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.

The most effective measure to ant-proof your home is applying diatomaceous earth in wall openings and cracks before permanently closing openings with silicone caulk.

4 CAN'T BLOCK OR FIND AN ENTRY POINT?

Place an ant bait station with borax (tetraborate decahydrate) or hydramethylnon 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 BOWL?

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 to find a store in your area that carries less-toxic solutions and for information on managing ants and other common pests.

Want to hire a service?

Visit mywatershedwatch.org for a pest control provider who understands how to safely stop reoccurring pest problems.

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