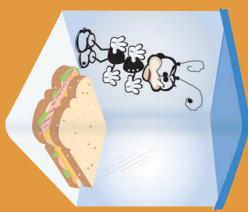


If you know what to do,
you can avoid most
pest problems
in your home.

Follow these steps:



Identify and monitor
the pest.

Exclude pests by sealing
entry points.

Sanitize and keep
your home clean.

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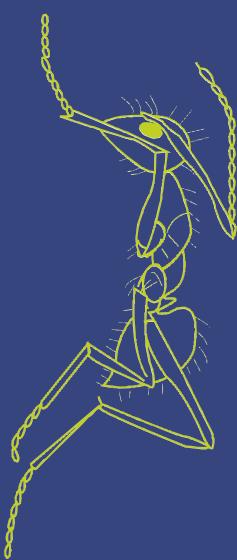


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Ants



If ants are a problem in your home...



Identify:

Properly identify the pest. Ants have pinched or narrow waists and elbowed antennae. Here are some common household ants.



Crazy ant

Odorous house ant

$\frac{1}{8}$ inch



Pharaoh ant

$\frac{1}{16}$ inch

Exclude:



- Store food and pet food in glass or plastic containers with tight-fitting lids.



- Do not leave food or pet food out or dirty dishes in the sink overnight.

- Clean kitchen counters, tables and floors often.



- Do not wipe away ant trails. Place a bait station in the middle of the ant trail so the ants will find it.

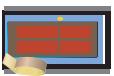
- Give baits time to work. They may take several days or longer.

- Insecticides can contaminate the bait.

Sanitize:

- Sweep and vacuum regularly.

- Keep garbage in plastic bags and take the garbage out several times a week.



- If you can see daylight around outside doors, replace the weather stripping and/or door threshold.
- Use caulk or steel wool to seal openings around plumbing pipes and any other openings where pests can enter your home.

- Follow ant trails to locate the nest. If you can determine where the outside nest is, treat it directly with an insecticide. Also apply pesticide around the outside of the house and 1 to 2 feet up the foundation.
- If ants remain a problem, hire a professional pest control service.

Control:

- Outdoors, keep garbage in a closed container and keep the container clean inside and out.



- Before you buy or use any pesticide, read the label carefully. Be sure the product is labeled for the site and the insect you will treat.