

8 Steps To Prepare For Ant Control Service

Preparation Steps

You can help your PCO rid your home of an ant problem by doing the following things:

1. Clean up spills. By removing alternate food sources, you improve the effectiveness of pest control treatments.
2. Vacuum thoroughly. A small crumb is a feast to an ant.
3. Store food in ant-proof containers or the refrigerator.
4. Empty trash frequently.
5. Keep the dishwasher closed or empty.
6. Pick up pet food when your pet is finished eating.
7. Rinse and store recyclable cans and bottles in ant-proof containers.
8. When the PCO arrives, discuss the situation and provide detailed information on everywhere you are seeing or have seen ants. Your pest control provider should also be providing you with detailed information about what he/she will be doing to control the ants and any post-treatment instructions.

After The Pest Control Service

Some common steps to be followed after an ant service has been performed (or if you are placing bait yourself):

1. Be patient. The bait being used may attract large numbers of ants and that is exactly how and why it works. The ants will carry it back to the nest and spread the bait to more ants, thus eliminating the colony.
2. Do not spray any insecticides or "squash" any ants. Killing worker ants will prevent them from returning to the colony with the bait.
3. Don't use strong cleaners around the baits. Ants leave chemical trails so that other ants can find the bait.
4. Once ants locate the bait, do not disturb them. If you see ants trailing in another area, you may move a bait that has not been located by the ants. This can help the baiting process.

