



CARPENTER ANTS

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Treatment Information

Thank you for trusting Wolbert's Inc. to address your carpenter ant infestation. Please continue reading for information you should know about your treatment today, and what you can expect in the near future.

First, there is no need to leave the premises during or after treatment. The treatment will be conducted outside the structure; no inside access is needed. Pets should be kenneled or kept inside during the treatment. There are no exposure or toxicity concerns, but we'd prefer it if pets weren't underfoot.

During today's visit, we will drill small holes into the siding to access the wall voids, where we will inject a small amount of odorless, water-based material. We then re-seal the holes so no moisture or organisms can enter. We will then apply an invisible barrier to the perimeter of the foundation, deck edges, around any wood support posts and anywhere carpenter ants are trailing in the immediate landscape. This may include sheds, gazebos, landscape timbers or other outbuildings.

The control product we are using today is non-repellent, meaning that the ants cannot detect it. The material is picked up on the ants' legs and bodies and carried back to the colony. These "carriers" transfer molecules of control product to other ants they contact. Eventually, the ants will ingest the material while preening themselves. This process is known as transference, and since ants are known to be extremely social insects, it is a very effective way to assure that all the ants in the colony are killed.

This treatment is fairly slow-acting by design so that the worker ants carrying the control product stay alive long enough to deliver the it to other members of the colony. The ants that have formed a satellite colony inside your home are socially connected to the parent colony outside where they originated. Some of the ants will make the journey multiple times back and forth, carrying and spreading control product molecules to the parent colony, further reducing the population and the pressure on your home.

*Because of this delayed action design, you may see ant activity increase for a few days before the first wave begin to die. Just remember that the ants you may see are busy carrying insecticide to the rest of the colony inside your home and to the parent colony outside. **This is why we ask you to refrain from killing any ants that are visible! We especially ask that you NOT use any over-the-counter insecticides prior to or during our treatment window.** Most insecticides in a can are repellent and will chase the ants away that aren't hit directly, which will disrupt the natural flow of their behavior that we are counting on. Using a repellent insecticide may void your warranty.*

We will check back with you two weeks after the treatment and inspect for ant activity. Typically by the end of two weeks, the entire ant colony will be affected by the treatment and any ants you do see will be dead.

Please feel free to give us a call if you have any questions or concerns,

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