

Black Ants

Appearance: The black house ant is 2—3mm in size, and as the name suggests, they are black in colour.

Where they can be found: They are most often seen in the house, either swarming on an object or in a long trail. Their nests are typically around buildings and in wall voids near kitchens. With numbers in the thousands their constant presence is often a huge annoyance for a home owner.



Treatment: A professional ant treatment can successfully rid your home of these pesky critters, however, patience is often required. The Sandgate Pest Control Black Ant treatment involves spraying the external perimeter of the home. This creates a barrier to stop ants coming inside. The nests are treated along with live ants found at the time of treatment. The transfer effect (see FAQ) makes the treatment so effective by capturing other nests in concealed areas.

FAQ

Can I be home at the time of the treatment?

Yes you can, the treatment is completely safe once dry. We just ask for you to not be in the same room at the same time as the technician is spraying.

Is it safe for my pets to be home at the time of treatment?

Pets are fine to be home whilst we are treating. However, we would ask you to restrain them while the technician is spraying for their own safety, and to cover any fish tanks or ponds.

Will all of the ants disappear immediately?

No, unfortunately they won't. However, with a bit of patience, in approx two weeks time you will see positive results. The products used do not kill all of the ants on contact. Rather, it infects them, allows the ants to return to their nest, and pass on the active ingredient to all other ants. This transfer effect can take up to two weeks.

What happens if I am still having a problem after the treatment?

Sandgate Pest Control offer the following Free Service Periods (Warranty)

- Black Ants: 6 Weeks (inside only)
- Funnel Ants: 3 months
- Green Ants: 3 Months

This means that if you are still seeing ants after the initial two week period call Sandgate Pest Control and we will return, free of charge, to re-treat the problem areas. *(Please note: For Black ants we are only able to re-treat the inside areas).*

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Green Ants

Appearance: They are 5-7mm in size and their sting can be painful. An ice pack can help relieve the symptoms of the sting. Their metallic colour can vary from a green-blue to a green-purple sheen.



Where they can be found: Green ants tend to nest in soil or under rocks, twigs or wood. Unlike many ants, rain presents no problem to Green Ants, as long as it is only a light shower in continued sunshine. In overcast, cloudy conditions these ants return to their nests.

Diet: Their diet is broad ranging, but they generally feed on animal material both as scavengers and predators. They move quickly while foraging, which generally occurs during the day, on the ground and among vegetation.

Treatment: The Sandgate Pest Control Green Ant treatment involves treating each nest individually with granules. If there are numerous nests we will use a broadcast spreader which spreads the bait broadly over the lawn.

Did you know:

Green Ants are one of the most abundant and widespread of Australian insects?

Why?

Green Ants are able to quickly colonise areas where the soil has been disturbed or moved (e.g. gardens), and this has resulted in Green Ants becoming a common pest in urban areas.

Ant Life Cycle

Each colony has one or more queen and king. The queen lays eggs which hatch into larvae. These eventually develop into pupae and then finally develop into workers.

Funnel Ant Mound



WHAT CAN YOU DO FOR BLACK ANTS?

You can help to reduce a black ant infestation in your home by:

- Ensuring food is not left out on kitchen counters, etc.
- Cleaning up food spills immediately.
- Removing unconsumed pet food.
- Making sure tree branches and plants do not come into contact with the house.
- Cleaning out gutters of leaf build-up.
- Sealing cracks and crevices.

Funnel Ants

Appearance: Approximately 5mm in length they are yellow/brown in colour.

Funnel Ants are distinctive through the little mounds they create to clear their nest out after it rains. Yards are often littered with hundreds of these mounds. The funnel ant nest system can be extensive, and in severe situations their presence can severely affect soil structure, making it fragile and prone to collapse.



Diet: Funnel ants are rarely seen on the surface of the ground and this is because most of their food is obtained from the roots of plants. The funnel-shaped hole leading into their nest can also trap insects, which is another food source for the ants.

Treatment: The Sandgate Pest Control Funnel Ant treatment involves placing granules directly on nests and/or spraying the entire grass area of the property. A professional treatment is more effective, because the chemicals used are of a professional grade which are not available over the counter. A follow-up treatment can sometimes be required in problem sites (3-12 months later).