



ANTS

Ant Identification Is Not Easy

Ants are social insects, living in colonies that may number thousands. Ant queens lay eggs. Worker ants forage for food for the colony, care for the queen and the young, and defend the colony. Workers can be one size (monomorphic) or two or more sizes (polymorphic). Colonies may reproduce by swarming or budding. Ant nests commonly consist of underground tunnels and chambers. Some species make mounds of earth or ant hills. The queens stay in the nest and the workers bring them food. It is the workers you may see in and around the structure.

Identification

Ant identification is not easy. Ant colonies of some species have only one queen while other species may have many queens.

- **Carpenter ants** nest in walls and are varied sizes and colors – tan, red, black.
- **Acrobat ants** nest outdoors in soil, leaves, or wood; indoors in building voids and insulation.
- **Little Black ants** are very small and black – the most house infesting ants.

Risks

Fortunately, ants don't pose any health risks, but they can contaminate food and hurt your company's reputation.

Attractants

Food, warmth and moisture. Use preventative actions to keep ants out like cleaning up spills immediately and storing food in sealed containers.



Keep Ants Out

It's best to keep trees and shrubs trimmed or away from buildings and seal any entry points.

For a free inspection call CNY Pest Control at 1-888-471-1555.