



CARPENTER ANTS



Characteristics

Carpenter ants have **3-segment** all black bodies or with red middle. Each colony may contain up to 5,000 ants or more and is likely made up of a queen (2cm), winged reproductives (1.5cm) and workers (1 to 1.5cm). Although they chew through wood, leaving sawdust like particles, they do not eat wood.

Infestation

When carpenter ants are observed, **don't spray them**. The extent and potential damage depends on how many nests are present and how long the infestation has been active. Major and minor workers are the most commonly seen carpenter ants travelling as far as 100 yards from the nest to forage for food. Both are often mistaken for other non-destructive species since they are much smaller than the more commonly known large winged females that take flight in the spring.

Carpenter ant colonies can be established outdoors or inside a home preferably in moisture-prone areas such as around windowsills, bay windows, sink areas and dishwashers.

Before Treatment

1. Plan to be away for at least **6 to 8 hours** * after application. This includes most pets*. Fish tanks should be covered and the filter turned off. Plants are ok.
 - * Small children 2 & under, pregnant women and people with respiratory or cardiac problems should be out **overnight** according to BC Ministry guidelines. Apply these same guidelines to special-needs pets.
2. Turn off floor-bound computers, i.e. towers.
3. Please provide access to the following areas (includes garages and storage areas):
 - Attics, crawlspaces and under decks;
 - Empty cupboards under sinks that are along outside walls;
 - Clear a 6-inch wide floor area along the base of outside walls and cabinets;
 - No need to move furniture or clear out closets completely, just floor area.
4. Cut back vegetation, including tree branches, vines, grass and the like. Remove items leaning against building.

Application

Our top (attic) to bottom (crawlpace) treatment sprays a **residual** and/or contact pesticide along inside walls and outside where the frame of the house meets the foundation, as well as cracks and crevices.

After Treatment

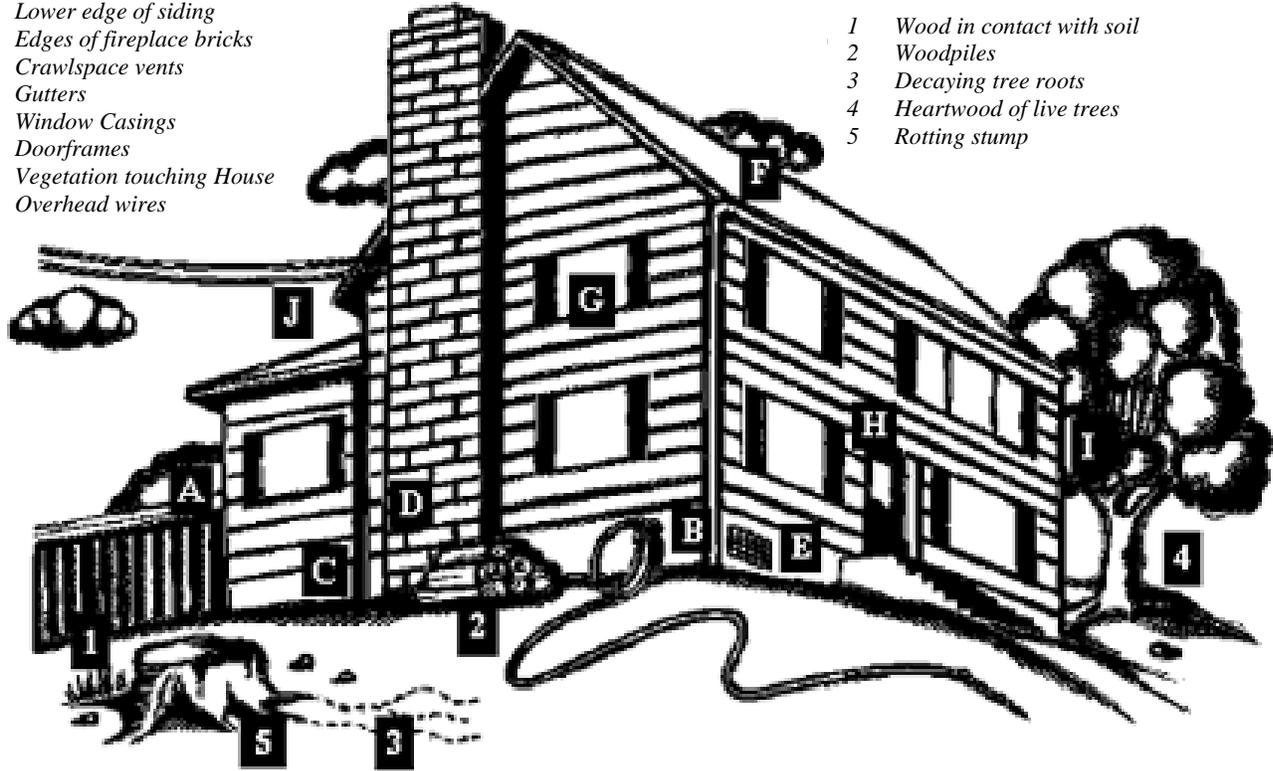
Wash counters and stovetop. Do **not** clean or vacuum treated areas inside, as noted above, for **at least 30 days** following the treatment, longer if healthy ants are still being seen inside. Sweeping is OK. Do **not** wash outside structure or allow sprinklers to reach it for the season. Regularly check that no items ever connect the structure to its surroundings, including the ground. Look for vegetation, tools, hoses, firewood and debris.

What to Expect

You may see the ants evacuating for **6 weeks** or more. This varies on the degree of infestation and the colonies' stored food supply. Give us a call after this period if you see any healthy ants inside.

Entryways for ants

- A Fence joined to house
- B Plumbing outlets
- C Lower edge of siding
- D Edges of fireplace bricks
- E Crawlspace vents
- F Gutters
- G Window Casings
- H Doorframes
- I Vegetation touching House
- J Overhead wires



Possible Sites of main nests

- 1 Wood in contact with soil
- 2 Woodpiles
- 3 Decaying tree roots
- 4 Heartwood of live trees
- 5 Rotting stump

For work done in 2017.

This treatment carries a **2 Season Guarantee** ⁽¹⁾

And an additional **2 Year Warranty** ⁽²⁾ \$ 250.⁰⁰ per year payable on any of these 2 years where a re-treat is required.

(1) Guarantee applies to the service year and the following full calendar year, i.e. through to Dec 2018.

(2) Each warranty year is a calendar year, i.e. 2019 & 2020.

* All prices are subject to applicable taxes at time of invoicing.

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- ✓ \$2 million Liability Insurance
- ✓ WorkSafeBC (WCB) #762488
- ✓ Certified Technicians

