

MOST COMMON ANT CHARACTERISTICS

Odorous House Ant

Pavement Ant

Carpenter Ant

* More expensive to treat as the can nest in your homes walls

TYPE







Key ID's

- Dark reddish brown to black
- About 1/10 inch long
- When crushed, give off a "coconut" odor
- · Has 3 body parts
- Travel in trails following each other
- Light brown black
- About 1/10 inch long
- · Has 3 body parts
- Slow moving
- Typically in pavement areas, kicking up dirt
- Among largest of the ants, from 1/4 - 3/8 inches
- · Most common color is black
- Has 2 body parts, not three
- Has Mandables (pinchers)

SIGNS

 If a sweet food item is spilled in kitchen, these will come out immediately to consume it.

- Kicked up dirt around pavement patios, driveways
- "Dirt Craters" around the opening of their nest in the soil.
- Wood dust in the home this is called frass, like in cabinets, basement sill plates, garage perimeters
- Visible holes in wood, which are their nests.
- Ants that have wings, "swarmers"
- Can chew through your wood to build nests which can lead to necessary replacements.

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DAMAGE

IPM Elimination

- Remove wood piles and debris from your home's exterior foundation.
- Eliminate standing water around your home's foundation.
- · Seal all exposed cracks & crevices which would allow entry into the home.
- Eliminate trees that hang over your roof line, as they travel from the branches to your home.
- Clean up spilled food/beverage in your home immediately, avoiding attractants.
- Tightly secure all food items in containers, especially in your kitchen pantry.