

Carpenter Ant Control Tips

Sometimes just the simplest of measures is all it takes to prevent common pests.

Carpenter Ant Facts:

- » Common sight around Wisconsin businesses and homes throughout the year
- » Natural nesting sites are in trees; carpenter ants can also invade and live indoors
- » Rarely cause structural damage to buildings, although they can cause significant damage over a period of years because nests are so long lived
- » Active indoors during many months of the year, usually during the spring and summer
- » Nests are commonly found in porch pillars and roofs, window sills, and wood in contact with soil

Identification:

- » One of the largest ants
- » Can be 1/4 to 3/8 inch long
- » Most common color is black
- » Can be reddish or yellowish in color as well
- » Pinched waist
- » Elbowed Antennae
- » Single bump or node between the abdomen and thorax
- » Evenly rounded thorax when viewed from the side

Signs of Infestation:

- » Sightings of large swarms of winged adults in the Spring
- » Presence of small piles of sawdust, or frass
- » Large black ants in and around the building
- » If it's quiet, you might hear these carpenter ants inside the walls

Control:

- » Make your building unappealing to them -- keep it free from water-damaged wood
- » Determine the location of the nest and treat the nest, or nests
- » Unless you directly treat the nest, you cannot eliminate the infestation
- » Most infestations are difficult to find, since the point of entry may be quite a distance from the location of the nest
- » If you cannot find the nest, Batzner Pest Management technicians are highly trained to find evidence of the ants' existence and then locate and destroy the nest

Call Batzner today to keep your environment pest-free.

