

## Pharaoh Ant Fact Sheet



Pharaoh ants are small (about 1/16 inch), and yellow to light brown in color. They are found throughout the United States and are pests in homes, hospitals, apartment complexes, and other multi-tenant buildings.



### Where are they found?

- » Pharaoh ants nest in warm, hard-to-reach locations in walls, subfloors, wall sockets, attics, cracks, crevices, behind baseboards, and furniture. They can enter from the outdoors or may be carried inside in packages, furniture, etc.

### What do they eat?

- » Pharaoh ants will eat other insects, but they prefer meats or greases. They will also feed on sugars, fruit juices and sweets.

### What treatment methods should be used?

- » Batzner Pest Management uses baits to treat Pharaoh ants. These are placed in areas where ants are active and where they are inaccessible to children and pets.
- » The bait is carried back to the nests by the worker ants, where it is fed to the entire colony.
- » It is important that you do not wash areas where ants have been sighted or where baits have been placed, as this will reduce the effects of the bait and interfere with the process of the treatment program.

### What can I do to assure a successful treatment program?

- » Pharaoh ant control is a cooperative process. First, a key factor in encouraging the ants to feed on the bait is the elimination of all other food sources through good sanitation. Second, it is important to notify us of the location of any Pharaoh ant sightings.

### Some helpful tips for successful treatment:

- » Do not leave pet food out all day.
- » Store opened food products in sealed containers.
- » Wash dishes daily (dirty dishes and utensils can provide a food source for ants).
- » Clean up crumbs and spills promptly. Use garbage containers with tight-fitting lids.
- » Use garbage containers with tight-fitting lids, and empty garbage containers regularly.
- » Basically, keep it clean.
- » **Do not use ant or bug sprays. These can cause the nests to split and actually cause more of a problem.**



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