






# Ants in Wisconsin

*Carpenter, Field, Pavement, Pharaoh, Thief*



Wisconsin is home to several types of ants that range in behavior and appearance, and it's a problem people can have all year long. Identifying the type of ant is a necessary step in order to treat the issue correctly.

	Carpenter	Field	Pavement	Pharaoh	Thief
<b>Appearance</b>					
<b>Description</b>	Black/dark brown 1/4-1/2" Yellow hairs on abdomen	Black and red 1/8-1/4" Rounded front and backside	Dark red/brown or black 1/8" Unique, long, raised arms	Yellow or light brown 1/16"	Light yellow 1/32" Skinny
<b>Food Source</b>	Other insects (dead or alive), honeydew, sugar, grease	Honeydew, dead insects, sweets, spilled liquids	Fruit, honeydew, seeds, insects, meats, bread, and cheese	Sugary foods, honey, grease, spills	Sugary foods
<b>Habitat</b>	Indoors/outdoors, in decaying moist wood, in forests or woods	Nests in fields, yards, along fences, near trees, and by houses	Areas with minimal vegetation, along roads, sidewalks, patios, and driveways	Heated buildings, hospitals, schools, apartments	Near other large colonies of ants, behind woodwork, such as baseboards, windowsills, and under flooring
<b>Other Facts</b>	Tunnels through wood to build nests, leaving behind piles of sawdust  Can cause major damage to buildings  Often main nest is in a tree, satellite nests are found in homes	Most common ant in Wisconsin	They have a stinger that causes discomfort when stung but are not dangerous	The queen ant can lay up to 400 eggs at once	Steals food from larger groups of ants (how they got their name)  One of the smallest ants
				sometimes referred to as a sugar ant	

Do It Yourself Tips	When to Call a Professional
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ID the ant in order to choose the correct bait</li> <li>• Erase their trails with vinegar and water</li> <li>• Trim shrubs near home to eliminate easy entry</li> <li>• Apply spray around entry points on building exterior to create a barrier</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If over the counter products don't work, call a professional</li> <li>• If carpenter ants are identified, call a professional before they can cause damage</li> <li>• A service specialist will not only eliminate the current issue, but will use exclusion to prevent a recurrence</li> <li>• Call Batzner at <b>800.878.2110</b> for a free estimate</li> </ul>