



Odorous House Ant Expectations and Explanations

Due to the unique nature of Odorous House Ants we feel that it is important for us to explain our processes and some of the challenges associated with their control. These ants are the most difficult to deal with in our area by far. Our standard protocol utilizes their social nature and turns it around on them. We place bait in areas of visible activity, which they bring back to their nests in the walls, floors, ceilings, etc., where it is shared with the queens, other workers and larvae. On the exterior of the structure we apply a “non-repelling” and “transferable” sprayed product. Odorous House Ants are very sensitive to chemicals that are sprayed for their control so it is vital that no over-the-counter products are used. This will interfere with, and possibly negate entirely, all of our control efforts. We ask that the only control tactics you employ are wiping them with a damp paper towel or placing the provided pre-loaded baiters in the area in which the ants are seen.

It is also important to discuss conducive conditions. If there are competing food sources near our bait placements the ants will be less likely to consume our bait. Please keep your kitchen and other areas clean and free of other food sources. In order for the exterior perimeter application to be effective we do encourage our customers to keep debris away from the perimeter and plants, trees and bushes to be trimmed at least two feet away from the structure. This will force any ants that are coming and going from your structure to travel through our treatment zone.

In short, please do the following:

- Do keep the area clean of other food sources
- Do keep the exterior perimeter clean and free of stored debris
- Do keep trees, bushes and plants pruned away from the structure

- Do not spray, bait or do any chemical control outside of our service plan
- Do not disturb the ants from crossing our treated barriers
- Do not disturb the foraging ants from feeding on our bait placements

Thank you for your cooperation. With your help and teamwork we will certainly succeed in eliminating these challenging ants from your structure.

-The Rambo Total Pest Control Team

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