



Control Fire Ants

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While it is possible to completely eliminate fire ants from a single property for a short period of time, fire ants are known to reinvade quickly. Regular repeat treatments are needed to keep fire ant populations at a minimum.

Step 1) Broadcast of slow-acting granular bait

Apply slow-acting granular bait liberally to the infested area as directed on the product label. Once the bait is applied, colonies should be left undisturbed for several days to allow foragers adequate opportunity to bring the bait to the nest and spread it among worker and queen ants. A broadcast application will work to control fire ant colonies even if their mounds are not seen above ground.

For optimal results, only apply granular baits to dry ground when there is no watering planned or rain expected for 48 hours. On extremely hot days, wait until later in the evening when it is cool or until foraging activity is apparent.

Granular Baits:

- [Maxforce Fire Ant Bait](#) -An effective granular bait for eradicating fire ant colonies in lawns and landscaped areas.
- [Extinguish Plus Fire Ant Bait](#) - Fire Ant bait with IGR and an added insecticide that kills fire ants and prevents the queen from laying fertile eggs.
- [Advion Fire Ant Bait](#) - Fast and effective control of imported fire ants in 24-72 hours.

Step 2) Drench individual mounds with a fast-acting residual

Once you have applied the granular bait and waited for several days, you are ready to drench the mound with a fast-acting residual product. This method destroys ants quickly. 1) Mix the residual product with water according to the product label in a gallon sprayer. 2) Apply sufficient quantities to penetrate the entire mound (quantities will range from ½ gallon to 2 gallons depending on mound size). To ensure total penetration, use a rod to form vertical tunnels in the mound before drenching.

*The following products may also be used as perimeter treatments around the home or other structure to prevent fire ants from entering.

Fast-acting residuals:

- [Talstar One](#)
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