



How To Treat Ant Colonies

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Indoor and Outdoor Ant Colony Treatment

- **Nests in Structural Voids** should be treated with [Delta Dust Insecticide](#). If the existing point of entry is not large enough to inject the dust, a hole may be drilled and later repaired. Apply Delta Dust in a thin layer (generally 2 to 3 puffs) using a [Hand Duster](#).
- **Nests in Wood** such as structural timbers, fence posts, tree holes, stumps, or logs, should be treated the same as those in structural voids, using [Delta Dust Insecticide](#) and a [Hand Duster](#). Holes may be drilled for easier access.
- **Nests in Soil** (includes ant colonies located in lawns, flower beds, or underneath stones and rocks)- Drench mound with a water-based liquid insecticide such as [Cynoff WP](#), [Suspend SC](#), or [Talstar One](#). You will also need a [Chapin SureSpray 1 Gal Sprayer](#) for mixing and application. Usually only a few ounces is needed, but follow the product label.
- **Nests in Landscape Mulch** may be treated with a liquid insecticide such as [Cynoff WP](#), [Suspend SC](#), or [Talstar One](#). You will also need a [Chapin SureSpray 1 Gal Sprayer](#) for mixing and application. Since mulch is thick and difficult to penetrate, first rake back the mulch to expose the ant colony before treating.
- **Nests in Slab Foundations** are typically difficult to access, and baits would be the ideal treatment (see step 4). If baiting is unsuccessful, a number of holes may be drilled in the foundation through which a termiticide labeled for application under slab foundations can be used. [Termidor SC](#) is an excellent option for such cases.
- **Nests in Stack of Lumber, Bricks, or Other Material** can be treated by unstacking the materials in order to expose the colonies, then drenching the mound(s) with a liquid insecticide such as [Cynoff WP](#), [Suspend SC](#), or [Talstar One](#). You will need a [Chapin SureSpray 1 Gal Sprayer](#) for mixing and application.

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