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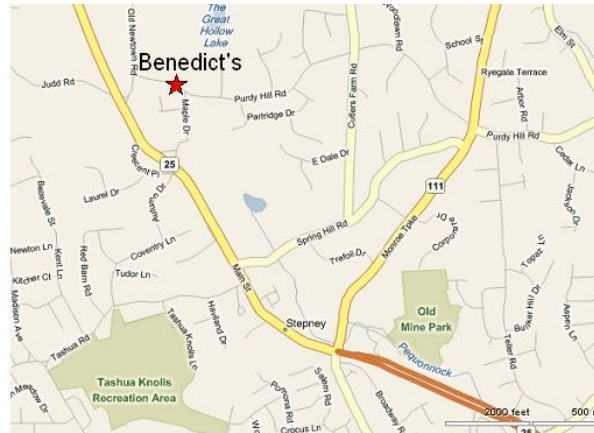
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Controlling Ants



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Why do I have ants?

Ants can enter your home from even the tiniest crack or hole. They come to your home, particularly your kitchen, laundry room, or bathroom, because it is a prime source of the three things they desire the most: food, moisture, and warmth. Once they discover that your home is a good source for this, they will lead other workers into your home so that they can provide for the rest of their colony.

What to do when you find ants

If you see an ant in your home, the best thing you can do is not panic, and, most of all, do not kill it. Typically, the ants that you see are worker ants scouring for sources of food. Instead of killing them, follow them to see where they go. Chances are that they have found some food, and are now leaving an invisible trail of pheromones that will lead other ants to the food that they have found. If this is the case, you will now have a good idea of where you will need to bait in order to stop your ant problem.

Baiting

Now that you know where the ants typically travel in your home, you can place baits to kill them. There are a number of different choices to use at Benedict's. We carry Terro liquid baits, Ortho ant bait stations, or Combat bait stations. Both the Ortho and Combat baits use a chemical compound as their insecticides, working on the nervous system of the ants to kill them. Terro's liquid bait uses Borax, a mineral that is non-toxic to humans and animals, to kill the ants. As such, Terro is slightly safer to use than Ortho or Combat.



Spraying

Another option for controlling your ants is to use a spray that is typically applied along the foundation of your house, and also around the perimeter of the affected rooms inside your home. A good spray for this purpose is Ortho Home Defense Max. This spray is applied along the base of your home outside, and also along the baseboard of any rooms that have ants, such as your kitchen or bathroom. However, you should not spray this product on any carpeted surfaces. Once applied, a barrier will be created around your house that will prevent any ants from entering your house again.

This product, when combined with any of the baits discussed in this pamphlet, will provide fast, effective removal of any ant problems you may have.

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