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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 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 do I do when I 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 liquid baits, bait stations, and granular baits. These products come in Terro, Bonide, Revenge, and Combat brands. Baits will attract ants which will then carry the bait back to their home to feed the rest of the colony so it is best not to kill any ants you see when using baits.

Most 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. This makes Terro slightly safer to use than other brands.

Most of these baits are marketed for use inside your home, however we also carry bait stations to stake into the ground outside your home.

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#### **Perimeter Treatments**

At Benedict's, we also carry ant killers which come in granular, dust and liquid spray form. The granular and dust products are often used as a perimeter treatment around your house to prevent ants from coming into your home. These can be applied on your lawn or garden areas. These products come in Terro, Bonide and Revenge brands. We also have several products you can use in a lawn spreader to kill ants, fleas and ticks in your lawn.

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The liquid products are sprayed along the foundation of your house and can also be sprayed around the perimeter of the affected rooms inside your home. A good spray for this purpose is the Ortho Home Defense. This spray can be applied along the base of your home outside and along the baseboard of any rooms that have ants, such as your bathroom or kitchen. (Do not spray on carpeted surfaces). Once applied, a barrier will be created around your house that will prevent any ants from entering.

A barrier treatment, when combined with any of the baits discussed, will provide fast, effective removal of any ant problems you may have.