

Ants are nasty little pests. We handle them many times a week, year-round, so don't feel as though it's just you. Please read the following to prepare before, during, and after an ant treatment with Guardian Pest Control.

Before The Treatment

Please secure pets before the technician arrives, especially if there are any concerns around aggression, anxiety, or pets escaping.

Let the technician know about any hazards on the property, including asbestos, mould, sharp objects, weak flooring, restricted access, or anything else that may affect safety.

If there are any areas of the property you do not want us to enter, please let the technician know before the treatment begins.

During The Treatment

Our ant treatments normally involve the following: inspection, baiting, nest removal, exterior spraying, dusting, and installing monitoring stations. Please read over what you'll need to do for the following.

Inspection - Provide access to all areas of the house, including the roof space, subfloor, exterior, and all rooms. Make sure access to these areas is clear of any hazards or obstructions. If there are any obstructions or hazards, please disclose them before the technician checks that area.

Exterior spraying - Every treatment requires an exterior spray. For this, we'll spray around the exterior of the house. Please ensure that all pets and children are brought inside and kept inside for 4 hours, or until the spray has dried. Make sure windows and doors are closed and sealed properly. Bring in any pot plants or small plants. After the treatment, wash down any vegetable gardens, flower beds, etc. We won't spray directly on them, but this helps minimise any risk of overspray. Clean windows after the spray, as we cannot guarantee that residue won't get on them.

Baiting - Every ant treatment will require baiting. All bait we put down is in a small plastic bait station. We'll place them in the best possible areas. If you have young children or pets on the property, please inform the technician so they can place them in out-of-reach areas, inaccessible by pets or children.

Dusting - In cracks and crevices around the house, we'll apply an insecticide dust into these areas. Ensure you do not vacuum these areas for no shorter than 8 weeks.

Monitoring stations - Our monitoring stations are non-toxic sticky traps. We'll put these down in high-traffic areas for

monitoring if we have to come back for a follow-up. Avoid tampering with or moving them for a minimum of 8 weeks.

Removing - If we find a nest that we believe is best to remove, we'll use a cordless vacuum and suck up all the unwanted pests.

Interior sprays - We don't initially do interior sprays unless the problem persists after a follow-up. However, if they persist after a follow-up, you'll have to prepare accordingly for an interior spray. The technician will provide details on how to prepare for an interior spray prior to the spray.

After The Treatment

Our treatments are one-offs which come with a 6 month guarantee. If we have to come back, we call this a follow-up treatment. If the ants persist in numbers more than 5 within a small area after 3 weeks, we'll come back for a free follow-up. Please note that interior spraying is not included in the initial treatment.

Do not wash the house for at least 4 weeks after the treatment, as this will remove the barrier spray applied by the technician.

Take on the recommendations around food and waste management that our technician informed you of. Whether it's not having an overflowing rubbish bin, getting a well-sealed rubbish bin, cleaning up food after eating, or removing certain fruit trees, these small changes can help prevent ants from returning.

Products Used

Please refer to guardianpestcontrol.co.nz/productsused for SDS on all products we might use for an ant treatment.

