

# PRO-X

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#### GENERAL

Ants are commonly considered a nuisance problem and usually cause no direct harm to the lawn itself. However, damage from ants varies.

They are one of the most common pests in and around the home, and have a variety of nesting habits and food preferences.

Some ants build nests in soil, producing a very familiar ant hill (mounds). Others seek houses or moisture damaged wood for their nests.

Ants will feed on different types of food including starches, meats, fats and sweets. Knowledge of their food and nesting preferences is important in gaining control.

#### CONTROL

Ants are social insects and are divided up into three groups: workers, males and queens. In every case the queen ant must be killed to properly control a colony.

Our insect control may offer temporary relief, but long term success would involve finding the queen. Because ants are mobile and the queen is in the security of her nest, it may be difficult and impractical to find her.

The nest, which may be located outside the lawn, must be treated to achieve control. Using water to flood nests is not effective.

If an outdoor nest is found it can be treated with insect controls (such as Diazinon or Dursban). Multiple treatments may be necessary.

If the nest cannot be found, long term control will not be achieved.



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