

Pavement Ant

IDENTIFICATION

Pavement ants are small brown ants that are typically around 3mm long. They are most identifiable by the parallel grooves that exist on the head and thorax.



HABITS

Pavement ants commonly nest under sidewalks and driveways. Nests can also exist under rocks, bricks, logs, etc. These ants are often found in great numbers as they trail along to find food. They feed on dead insects, honeydew, plant sap, and seeds along with “human foods” such as meats, cheese, and sweets. Worker ants forage up to 30 feet from the nest for food. Pavement ant colonies can house up to 10,000 ants per nest. Reproducers swarm from their colonies to start new colonies. These swarms usually appear in late summer, but they can be found in the winter if the nest is near a heat source.

CONTROL

Finding the location of a pavement ant nest is often impossible. Using residual treatment with an appropriate liquid spray should be used on cracks and crevasses, trails, and exterior foundations. Dust insecticides can also be used in other voids that may be a point of entry. Gel baits can also be used along baseboards and near heat ducts to treat any ants that may enter while foraging.

ENVIRONMENTAL ALTERATIONS

To help eliminate possible points of entry for pavement ants make sure all cracks are sealed using silicone caulk.

PROVIDED SERVICES

Products are available at Speed Exterminating for DIY treatment or appointments can be scheduled with a licensed service technician.

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