



PHARAOH ANT SPRAY TREATMENT CLIENT PREPARATION GUIDELINE



How To Prepare For Your Pharaoh Ant Treatment

CHECKLIST

- All items must be removed from the upper and lower cupboards, cabinets, drawers and countertops in the kitchen bathroom and other areas of activity.
- All of the items that have been removed from these areas should be kept in the kitchen or bathroom to prevent the spread of the infestation.
- The kitchen and bathroom must be thoroughly cleaned to eliminate any food sources that the pharaoh ants could be feeding on.
- Ensure that you pull out the fridge and stove to clean the sides of the appliances as well as the space behind.
- Walls must be cleaned to remove grease from cooking.
- Remove all shelf paper from the interior of your cupboards and cabinets.
- All food items must be stored in pest proof containers, bags or in the refrigerator. Pest proof containers can be easily found at your local dollar store or grocery store.
- Kitchen and bathroom garbage and organics must be thrown out daily.
- Pet food must be contained while we are remediating a pharaoh ant infestation.
 - Open pet food provides a perfect source of food for pharaoh ants, it must be contained or it could prolong the amount of time it takes to fully eliminate a pharaoh ant infestation



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Some common items that are frequently forgotten during proper food storage:

- Boxes of pasta that do not have a plastic liner, such as macaroni and cheese
- Fresh fruit left on kitchen counters
- Potatoes or onions left in kitchen cupboards
- Open bags of chips

- Open boxes of cookies
- Open boxes of cereal
- Bulk foods
- Bags of pet food
- Clean the outside of your cooking oil bottles – oil residue on the outside of a bottle can be a food source

After Your Treatment

Live pharaoh ants may be visible for 2-3 weeks after the treatment. Affected bugs may be seen wandering in unusual places, this is a sign that the treatment is working. The products applied will only be effective if the following steps are taken after your home is serviced:

- DO NOT use other pesticides (powders or sprays) or cleaning products near areas that have been sprayed, as these products will reduce or eliminate the effectiveness of the treatment.
- The pesticides will remain active for up to 30 days if left undisturbed, but is easily removed with kitchen or bathroom cleaner when required.
- You may return all items and back to their original positions within your kitchen and bathroom after the treatment is completed. Please keep in mind that should you continue to find pharaoh ants we encourage our clients to unpack slowly as an additional treatment may be required and preparation may need to be re completed prior to a follow up service.

What You Can Expect From Your Treatment

Your technician will use a variety of methods to control the pest depending on each unique situation. Residual and non-residual pesticides will be applied and will be used in a manner that is most effective to take full control of the pest situation specific to your home. All treatments will be completed using an IPM (integrated pest management) approach with your health and safety in mind.



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Safety

It is necessary for you and your pets to leave your home during the treatment and to remain out of the home for a minimum of 6 hours post treatment being completed. Your pest control technician will supply you with a confirmed re-entry time before you leave.

Aquariums must be covered with a wet towel and have their filters turned off.

Anyone who has allergies, asthma, is pregnant, children under the age of 2 or anyone with respiratory problems should consult their family doctor should they have concerns regarding this re-entry time.

Upon re-entry, open the windows for 20 minutes to properly ventilate the treated rooms.

Pesticides that may be used during your treatment: Optigard Ant – PCP 30788, Maxforce Quantum – PCP 30513, Scorpio PCO Liquid Ant Bait – PCP 32759, Scorpio Liquid Ant Bait Station – PCP 33097, Avert 360A Dual Choice Ant Bait Station – 27897, Seclira Pressurized Insecticide – PCP 33422, Greenway Ant & Roach Gel Bait – PCP 30375, Greenway Ant Bait Gel – PCP 30173.

In an emergency, contact poison control at 604.682.5050 or 1.800.567.8911

Additional Questions

Should you have any additional questions we recommend consulting our website for further information www.vancouverpestcontrol.com, by contacting our office at 604.374.6525 or info@vancouverpestcontrol.com

If you are a tenant in a building managed by a property manager who has scheduled this service for you, please direct your questions to your property management company.