



# PAVEMENT ANT SPRAY TREATMENT CLIENT PREPARATION GUIDELINE



## How To Prepare For Your Pavement Ant Chemical Treatment

### CHECKLIST - Interior

- The kitchen and bathroom must be thoroughly cleaned to eliminate any food sources that the pavement ants could be feeding on.
  - This includes fully cleaning your cupboards of all crumbs and grease
- 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.
- Pet food must be contained while we are remediating a pavement ant infestation.
- 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.
- 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



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## CHECKLIST - Exterior

- All items need to be moved 12" (1 foot) away from the exterior walls of your home.
- Ensure the concrete foundation is exposed with no soil up against the plastic or wood siding.
- Cut back all vegetation and tree branches
  - Bushes and plants should be a minimum of 18" (1.5 feet) away from the exterior walls
  - Tree branches should be a minimum of 36" (3 feet) away from the exterior walls and roofline of your home

## After Your Treatment

Live pavement 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 3 months if left undisturbed, but are easily removed with kitchen or bathroom cleaner when required.
- You may return all items and back to their original positions within your kitchen, bathroom and exterior after the treatment is completed. Please keep in mind that should you continue to find pavement 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

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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, Scorpio Ant Granules – PCP 33342, Scorpio PCO Ant & Insect Bait Granular – PCP 33307, Niban Granular Bait – PCP 26565, 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, Dragnet FT – PCP 24175, Temprid SC – PCP 32524, Suspend Polyzone – PCP 34599.

In an emergency, contact poison control at 604.682.5050 or 1.800.567.8911

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## Additional Questions

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Should you have any additional questions we recommend consulting our website for further information [www.vancouverpestcontrol.com](http://www.vancouverpestcontrol.com), by contacting our office at 604.374.6525 or [info@vancouverpestcontrol.com](mailto: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.