



## **ANTS**

Northern Michigan ants can be difficult to control and the rule with ants is easy to remember - no matter what the size, if you have the ants, you have an ant control problem. As annoying as they may be, the little ants that swarm on your countertops and in your pests' food bowls aren't the most menacing. It's their big-boy cousin the carpenter ant that you should really be concerned with when it comes to ant in control.

### **Carpenter Ants**

If you see a swarm of carpenter ants in your house band news, you definitely have an ant infestation problem and will have to implement some form of ant control. Call Chemical Control Company to eliminate and prevent future infestations. To prevent carpenter ant infestations and to maintain good ant control, move debris, wood, and earth away from your home, because carpenter ants love moisture.

### **Odorous House Ants**

Smaller odorous house ants don't tunnel through wood, they're often more visible than carpenter ants. Like humans, odorous ants love food, so the best thing you can do for good pavement ant control - in addition to the preventive steps listed for carpenter ant control above, is to make sure your home is clean and free of food particles. If the odorous ant situation gets out of hand call Chemical Control Company to assist you with the ant control problem.

### **Pavement Ants**

Found in all 50 states, the dark brown pavement ant gets its name from its tendency to build nests under pavement or in the cracks in pavement. Pavement ants are voracious eaters and will chow down on almost anything, including: insects, meats, nuts, breads, honey, melons and cheese. Although they don't pose a serious health threat, pavement ants can contaminate the foods they love to eat, so effective pavement ant prevention and pavement ant control are both important. To deter pavement ants from building their nests near your home, eliminate standing water, keep tree branches and other plants trimmed and away from your home, and sealed any cracks or openings around your house. You can also deter pavement ants by moving firewood and other building materials away from your house, because like their fellow ant species, pavement ants like to build nests in stacks of wood.

**Prevention:** Because carpenter ants require a water source, eliminate sources of moisture or standing water. Keep tree branches and other plants cut back from the house. Sometimes pests use these branches to get into your home. Make sure that there are no cracks or little openings

around the bottom of your house. Sometimes pests use these to get into your home. Make sure that firewood and building materials are not stored next to your home. Pests like to build nests in stacks of wood.