

NAME OF SERVICE: Acrobat Ant Treatment Protocol

ATTRIBUTES: Check for attributes on the services for more treatment specifications.

TO INCLUDE: The treatment of acrobat ants in the interior of buildings and around the exterior of buildings, if activity exists in both locations.

COVERED PEST: Acrobat Ants

GENERAL INFORMATION:

- 1/6" in size, monomorphic, reddish-brown head and thorax with a dark blue-black heart shaped abdomen
- Can raise abdomen in a defensive posture- looks like "circus acrobats"
- Usually nest outdoors under stones or in dead wood such as firewood, tree stumps, dead tree branches, or hollow tree cavities
- Feed on honeydew produced by aphids/scales so can be seen tending honeydew producers on plants
- Indoors they can nest in foam insulating board or water damaged wood
- Usually use overhanging tree branches or power lines to gain entry into structures

TREATMENT INCLUDES:

Interior: Finding and treating their colonies in wall voids and within wood will usually control these ants. If indoor activity is present:

- Treat with a liquid residual where activity is found.
- Dust in any cracks and crevices to cabinets, kick plates under cabinets, plumbing sites in wall voids; may have to dust in attic if activity is present.

Exterior: If outdoor activity is present:

- Treat the complete exterior perimeter of the exterior with a liquid residual.
- An application of liquid residual can be made to trunks/base of plants not to exceed overhead, if ants are found trailing.
- Use your B&G on coarse flat fan to treat around crack and crevices where the ants could enter the structure. Applications could be made around doors, windows, vents, pipes, wires entering the structure, and in cracks or holes in the foundation.
- Dust any openings on the structure such as weep holes, around plumbing and electrical lines, and A/C lines going into the structure.
- Bait in flower beds where activity is present.

SPECIAL NOTES/ATTRIBUTES:

- To avoid acrobat ants entering buildings, it is helpful to remove tree stumps and dead limbs from trees, trim back branches overhanging or touching the roof, avoid storing firewood in or near the building, make sure all windows and doors are sealed, repair any water leaks, and replace water damaged wood.

RECOMMENDED MATERIALS:

ABC

CHEMFREE

Interior: Alpine WSG
D-fense Dust

Alpine WSG
Alpine Dust

Exterior:

Talstar P
D-fense Dust
Advance 365A Bait

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