

NAME OF SERVICE: Tawny Crazy Ant Treatment Protocol

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

TO INCLUDE: The treatment for Tawny Crazy Ants on the interior and exterior of the building include up to 8,000 sq ft of turfgrass unless otherwise noted on the agreement. Application should be repeated at 30 and 60 days after initial service.

COVERED PEST: Tawny Crazy Ants

EXCLUDED PEST: N/A

GENERAL INFORMATION:

- Adult workers are reddish-brown in color with long legs and antennae.
- Worker ants are monomorphic, at 1/8 inches in length with long course hairs on the thorax.
- Workers will forage erratically, hence the common name of “crazy” ant.
- Colonies can be found under or within almost any object or void, including stumps, soil, concrete, rocks, potted plants, patio stones, rotted logs, the bark of fallen trees, etc.
- Nests primarily occur outdoors, but worker ants can forage into buildings.
- However, in the spring foraging activity increases and populations of this ant can increase to the millions by mid-summer (June-August).
- Ant numbers usually remain high through fall (October-November) and then will decrease in the winter months.

TREATMENT INCLUDES:

Interior: Many of the typical control tactics for other ants do not provide adequate control of the Tawny Crazy Ant. Only treating indoors is not effective since most of the ant population is nesting outdoors. If indoor activity is present:

- Treat with a liquid non-repellent where activity is found.
- Dust in any cracks and crevices to cabinets, kick plates under cabinets, plumbing sites coming from wall voids using a non-repellent dust.

Exterior: Since most of the Tawny Crazy Ants are nesting outdoors, we need to use a combination of formulations to gain control:

- Treat the complete exterior perimeter using the spray rig along the foundation and extending the treatment in the turf up to 8,000 sq ft or as denoted on the agreement.
- When using your spray rig for Tawny Crazy Ants make sure to treat all shrubs, trees and tree trunks up to a height of 5 feet. Also treat along concrete walkways, around potted plants and any other areas that might retain moisture.
- Use your B&G on coarse flat fan to treat around crack and crevices where ants enter the structure, such as around doors, windows, vents, pipes or any exterior openings including foundation cracks or drilled holes, and where wires enter the structure.
- Dust any openings on the structure weep holes, plumbing and electrical lines, and A/C lines going into the structure using a non-repellent dust.

SPECIAL NOTES/ATTRIBUTES:

It is important for customers to sweep up or blow off piles of dead ants so live ants can come in contact with the non-repellent residuals.

RECOMMENDED MATERIALS:

ABC

CHEMFREE

Interior:

Alpine WSG
Alpine Dust

Alpine WSG
Alpine Dust

Exterior:

Alpine WSG
Alpine Dust

Alpine WSG
Alpine Dust