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THINK LIKE AN ANT

You may control ants for a while, but you will not manage to keep them out permanently. Once ants are eliminated from a void, new colonies or competitive ant species enter the temporary void.

Ants follow trails established by previous ants that leave a pheromone scent for them to follow. Once on that trail, they remain focused to accomplish whatever they were assigned to do.

For the most part, ants are more active at night making spotting ant trails more difficult to locate. Go at night if you are having a problem and want to learn more.

The ant larva (immature) is the belly of the colony. The last instars digest the solid food brought back by worker ants. The digested solids are then belched back up to feed adult ants. Hence, with all ant baits you want them to be slow acting so they can destroy larvae.



Ants and plants go together like love and marriage. You have to have plants to house ants. Different plant species attract aphids which provide food for the ants. The plants may also provide harbourage and nesting sites for the ants. The use of systemic pesticides can eliminate aphids and hence the reason why the ants are there.

Most ants swarm to disperse. Winged ants inside a structure mean that the ants are harbouring somewhere inside. The ants may be attracted to lights and windows. Therefore, when you find the swarmers, they may be many metres away from the source.

GENERAL PEST CONTROL PROGRAM

13-15 FEB 2012 PRETORIA

20-22 FEB 2012 DURBAN

26-28 MARCH 2012 CAPE TOWN

16-18 APRIL 2012 PRETORIA

WEED CONTROL

5-7 MARCH 2012 PRETORIA

TERMITE & WOOD DESTROYING

ORGANISMS

27-29 February 2012 PRETORIA

23-25 APRIL 2012 PRETORIA

FUMIGATION

6-8 FEB 2012 PRETORIA

10-12 APRIL 2012 PRETORIA

PLANT PEST & DISEASES

5-7 MARCH 2012 PRETORIA

WOOD PRESERVATION OF UTILITY

POLES

27-29 FEBRUARY 2012 PRETORIA

23-25 APRIL 2012 PRETORIA

HACCP (FOOD SAFETY)

16 FEB 2012 PRETORIA

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PMA EVENTS!

**EARLY REGISTRATION AVAILABLE FOR
GENERAL PEST MANAGEMENT
(STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL)
DURBAN 20-22 FEBRUARY 2012
CAPE TOWN 26-28 MARCH 2012**

HACCP/FOOD SAFETY-16 FEBRUARY 2012

The purpose of this intensive ONE DAY COURSE is to equip the PCO with the basic concepts of HACCP and PRP(Pre Requisite Programs) and to demonstrate practically how to approach a facility to work out a "Food Safety" compliant Pest Management treatment plan and to establish the do's and don'ts from a Food Safety Auditors perspective. (The HACCP/Food Safety Course is based on the following Agriseta Unit Standard 120417.)