

# Guide to Ants in Your Home

## 1. Attic and Crawlspace

**The problem:** a common threat to your attic and crawlspace are carpenter ants who love moist wood. They can dramatically impact your home's structural integrity.

**The fix:** Repair leaky roofs, maintain gutters, seal foundation cracks and properly ventilate crawlspaces and/or run a dehumidifier.

## 2. Bedroom

**The problem:** Ants can be found in any room, even your bedroom.

**The fix:** Seal windows and repair exterior gaps and cracks. Keep food out of your bedroom.

## 3. Bathroom

**The problem:** Moisture makes bathrooms highly susceptible to infestations. Carpenter ants, a wood destroying species, have a tendency to build nests in damp areas, like behind bathroom tiles or under sinks.

**The fix:** Repair leaky pipes, and check under sinks for areas of moisture buildup. Repair tub enclosures with leaks and/or tile grouting with gaps and cracked tiles.

## 4. Home Office Space

**The problem:** Ants are always foraging looking for food.

**The fix:** Keep food out of your home office space. Seal windows and any entry doors.

## 5. Living Room

**The problem:** Snack crumbs are easily missed in rooms besides the kitchen.

**The fix:** Regularly sweep or vacuum common areas of your home.

## 6. Kitchen

**The problem:** Ants love to feed on sticky sweets and fruit in addition to grease, oil, meats, and corn meal. Sticky jars are especially attractive to these hungry invaders.

**The fix:** Wipe down counters and sweep regularly to clean up spills and crumbs. Repair leaky pipes and check under the sink(s) for areas of moisture buildup. Pull stoves and refrigerators out and clean underneath regularly.

## 7. Yard

**The problem:** Ants nest under rocks, inside rotting logs, and under piles of bricks or timber. Ants love decks that are on or close to the ground.

**The fix:** Keep yard and shrubbery well-groomed, and store firewood at least 20 feet away from your house. Keep leaves and debris from accumulating under your deck and allow for proper ventilation.

## 8. Garage

**The problem:** Garages are easy-access for ants of all types.

**The fix:** Keep trash barrels outside when possible. Store bird seed and pet food in sealed containers. Repair any leaks and gaps around the garage door frames.

## Need help?

Contact us today to prevent ant infestations in your home.

