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Ants

Characteristics

There are 41 different species of ant living in the UK, however it is the garden or black ant (*Lasius Niger*) that causes the most problems.

Where to find ants

Ants usually form nests in gardens, under paving stones, in foundations and occasionally within buildings.

Problems caused by ants

The black ant is not a health hazard, but can cause a nuisance. They enter buildings in search of sweet foods, getting in through small gaps in masonry, doors and windows, and when they do find their way in they do so in large numbers.

Life Cycle

The queen ant lays eggs in late spring, which hatch into larvae after 3-4 weeks. The queen rears the larvae for three weeks after which they pupate. From the pupae emerge the first brood of worker ants, which forage for food and tend subsequent broods. Winged male and female ants emerge between July and August and mating takes place on the wing during this time, after which the males die. The mated females shed their wings and dig a cell in the soil where they stay until the following spring.



Control

To be sure that ants are removed effectively, professional treatment is always advised.

Other Species

Tropical species such as Pharaoh's Ants and Ghost Ants are becoming more common in heated buildings in the UK. These can be particularly difficult to eradicate and specialist treatment is required.

Please contact us for further information on treatments and current charges



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