



# PHARAOH ANT TREATMENT CLIENT PREPARATION GUIDELINE



## How To Prepare For Your Pharaoh Ant Treatment

### CHECKLIST

- All items must be removed from the upper and lower cupboards, cabinets, drawers and countertops in the kitchen bathroom and other areas of activity.
- All of the items that have been removed from these areas should be kept in the kitchen or bathroom to prevent the spread of the infestation.
- The kitchen and bathroom must be thoroughly cleaned to eliminate any food sources that the pharaoh ants could be feeding on.
- Ensure that you pull out the fridge and stove to clean the sides of the appliances as well as the space behind.
- Walls must be cleaned to remove grease from cooking.
- Remove all shelf paper from the interior of your cupboards and cabinets.
- All food items must be stored in pest proof containers, bags or in the refrigerator. Pest proof containers can be easily found at your local dollar store or grocery store.
- Kitchen and bathroom garbage and organics must be thrown out daily.
- Pet food must be contained while we are remediating a pharaoh ant infestation.
  - Open pet food provides a perfect source of food for pharaoh ants, it must be contained or it could prolong the amount of time it takes to fully eliminate a pharaoh ant infestation



Some common items that are frequently forgotten during proper food storage:

- Boxes of pasta that do not have a plastic liner, such as macaroni and cheese
- Fresh fruit left on kitchen counters
- Potatoes or onions left in kitchen cupboards
- Open bags of chips

- Open boxes of cookies
- Open boxes of cereal
- Bulk foods
- Bags of pet food
- Clean the outside of your cooking oil bottles – oil residue on the outside of a bottle can be a food source

### ————— After Your Treatment —————

Live pharaoh ants may be visible for 2-3 weeks after the treatment. Affected bugs may be seen wandering in unusual places, this is a sign that the treatment is working. The products applied will only be effective if the following steps are taken after your home is serviced:

- DO NOT use other pesticides (powders or sprays) or cleaning products near areas that have been sprayed, as these products will reduce or eliminate the effectiveness of the treatment.
- The pesticides will remain active for up to 30 days if left undisturbed, but is easily removed with kitchen or bathroom cleaner when required.
- You may return all items and back to their original positions within your kitchen and bathroom after the treatment is completed. Please keep in mind that should you continue to find pharaoh ants we encourage our clients to unpack slowly as an additional treatment may be required and preparation may need to be re completed prior to a follow up service.

### ————— What You Can Expect From Your Treatment —————

Your technician will use a variety of methods to control the pest depending on each unique situation. Residual and non-residual pesticides will be applied and will be used in a manner that is most effective to take full control of the pest situation specific to your home. All treatments will be completed using an IPM (integrated pest management) approach with your health and safety in mind.



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## Safety

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It is not necessary for you and your pets to leave your home during the treatment.

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In an emergency, contact poison control at 604.682.5050 or 1.800.567.8911

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## Additional Questions

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Should you have any additional questions we recommend consulting our website for further information [www.1stpestcontrol.ca](http://www.1stpestcontrol.ca), by contacting our office at 1.844.737.8226 or 604.861.7378 or [info@1stpestcontrol.ca](mailto:info@1stpestcontrol.ca)

If you are a tenant in a building managed by a property manager who has scheduled this service for you, please direct your questions to your property management company.