

HINTS FOR HOMEOWNERS

Protecting Homes From Ants

(NAPSA)—The amenities of home aren't just popular with people. In fact, the number-one "nuisance pest" in the U.S. enters homes because that's where food and water are. The pests are ants, and experts say no matter how your home is constructed, where it's located or how old it is, it could be invaded by them. Homeowners and party hosts know this all too well—scurrying around to buy ant traps and over-the-counter bug sprays before guests arrive at parties, BBQs and get-togethers.

"I hear from frustrated callers every week who have tried every do-it-yourself ant control product on the shelf without success," said Tom Kraeutler, host of "The Money Pit," a nationally syndicated home improvement radio show. "When you add up the time and money they've spent trying to rid their homes of ants, it would have been less expensive and a whole lot easier to call a pest management professional to get it done right the first time."

According to Kraeutler, homeowner mentality is quickly shifting from the do-it-yourself mantra to a time-efficient outlook that involves having a pest management pro tackle ant invasions—and with good results.

"Effective ant control begins with a professional inspection and treatments using the most technologically advanced products available," notes Kraeutler. "Undetectable liquid treatments like Termidor Ant Control are applied to the outside foundation walls of your home and, combined with



Find ways to tell ants to bug off.

periodic inspections, can ensure long-term defense."

Be Part of the Solution

Of course, homeowners can play a role in ant control, too. Ants need food and water, and they need a way to gain access to your home. Try these tips:

Inside

- Clean up spilled food and beverages.
- Diligently take out the trash.
- Rinse out jars and containers before you place them in trash cans and recycling bins.

Outside

- Seal doors and windows.
- Keep rain gutters clean to prevent moisture inside walls.
- Trim trees and shrubs away from your house; ants can use limbs as "bridges" to gain access to a home.

A Termidor treatment can be made only by a licensed pest management professional who has been trained and certified to use it. Visit TermidorHome.com and enter your zip code to find a pest management professional in the area.