

## Preparations for “First Time” or “Cleanout” **Ant** treatments:

It is imperative that all plumbing areas under kitchens(s) and bathroom(s) cabinets are emptied out and accessible.

If you are using any commercially available (over the counter) pesticides or baits discontinue use immediately. These products can prevent the effectiveness of the professional products we will be using.

### Kitchen:

- If ants have been observed on counter tops or in cabinets then remove all items from these areas and place into plastic bags.
- Place the bags in the center of the kitchen or someplace where they will not interfere with service personnel accessing the cabinets and baseboards.
- Front areas of refrigerators and stoves will need three (3) feet of clearance.

### Bathroom:

- If ants have been observed on counter tops or in cabinets then remove all items from these areas and place into plastic bags.
- Place the bags someplace where they will not interfere with service personnel accessing the cabinets and baseboards. **The bathtub is suggested for this.**

### Bedroom and Closets:

- If ants have been observed in dressers, remove drawers and places where they will not interfere with service personnel accessing the front and side areas of the dressers.
- If ants have been observed in closets, remove all clothes from the rack and any stored items from the shelf. Place where they will not impede access to the closet.

### Basements:

- Move all clothing and stored items away from washer, dryer and sink areas. Locations where the walls and ceilings as well as the walls and floors meet need to be accessible to service personnel.

### Garages:

- Place all stored food (people as well as pet) in plastic bags.
- Move all items two (2) feet away from walls.

For one week to ten (10) days following the treatment you may notice an increase in pest activity. If this occurs do not be concerned. This is a result of the treatment driving the pests out of their nesting areas.

**We strongly recommend that small children, the elderly, people with respiratory problems and pets vacate the premises during the treatment and remain away for at least two (2) hours.**