Pest control treatment for Pharaoh ants
PHARAOH ANTS ARE OMNIVORES
There are several thousand different species of ants. Common to all of them is that they are social. The Pharaoh ant is a small species and can grow to about 1.5-2 mm in length and is golden in colour. It is completely dependent on heated premises and prefers temperatures between 27° and 30° C.

In contrast to many other species of ant, they frequently have several queens in each nest. In those instances when Pharaoh ants have been found in homes, they have been located in sweet products, bread, meat products, cheese and in the presence of dead insects. Pharaoh ants do not cause any great damage to homes, but they can ruin food.

PREVENTIVE MEASURES
A clean and tidy home is half the battle, as you remove the Pharaoh ants’ food source. Put dishes away and keep surfaces clean. Ensure that there is no food residue on counter tops, floors or in cupboards.

Store food in securely sealed containers. Empty the garbage frequently and avoid leaving pet food out in the open for too long.

BEFORE PEST CONTROL TREATMENT
It is difficult to get rid of Pharaoh ants. Careful preparation of your home is necessary in order for pest control treatment to be successful.

- Empty all kitchen cupboards and clean them out properly.
- Wipe down the counter top, shelves and inside cupboards.
- Carefully clean everywhere, including the filter on the cooker fan.
- Pull out the cooker and clean behind it. Leave it pulled out until the treatment is complete.
- Make a point of emptying the garbage.
- Clean and wipe down the cupboard under the sink.
WHAT HAPPENS DURING PEST CONTROL TREATMENT

Once it has been determined that there are Pharaoh ants on the premises, a technician identifies where the Pharaoh ants have their trails. The technician places ant traps and a gel on the trails. The ant traps and the gel contain a pesticide that the Pharaoh ant gathers and carries into its nest. In the nest the pesticide is spread to the rest of the ant colony. It can take several months before all the Pharaoh ants have been eradicated.

AFTER PEST CONTROL TREATMENT

- Make a point of cleaning thoroughly.
- Vacuum carefully and frequently.
- Do not leave dirty dishes lying around, instead wash them frequently.
- Do not leave food scraps lying around.
- Empty the garbage regularly.

- Do not leave crockery with food scraps on it in the sink, instead wash dishes frequently.
- Do not give Pharaoh ants access to food. Therefore, do not leave food scraps and bread lying around.

- Store food and dry goods in securely sealed containers.

We only use pesticides that are controlled and approved by the Swedish authorities. Our technicians are trained and licensed by Socialstyrelsen (the National Board of Health and Welfare).
QUICK FACTS ABOUT PHARAOH ANTS

How did Pharaoh ants get into my home?

They can spread via stores, workplaces and trips abroad. Pharaoh ants thrive in sweet products, bread, meat products, cheese and in the presence of dead insects. The risk of introducing Pharaoh ants to your home increases when you buy food products from warmer countries.

Pharaoh ants breed quickly and the earlier they are discovered the smaller the risk of them spreading to other parts of the property.

How do I know if I have Pharaoh ants in my home?

As the Pharaoh ant is a small species of ant they can be difficult to detect, particularly initially when the ant colony is small. As Pharaoh ants prefer heat, they are often found on kitchen counter tops in close proximity to coffee makers and kettles, for example. They can also be found in bathrooms, as well as near hot-water pipes.

How do I get rid of them?

It can be difficult to get rid of Pharaoh ants when you have an infestation, but it is possible. We can offer various pest control treatment methods. Together we determine what is most appropriate in your case.

Contact us if you suspect you may have an infestation, or if you have questions about any other pests.

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