

Do You Have Ants?

UCSC STORM WATER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

No Spray Necessary, Five EASY tips!

1. Locate where ants are coming in
2. Clean up any crumbs, messes, and spills.
3. Use soap and water indoors to rinse any ants away, and to clean their trail
4. Remove any possible food and water sources
5. Seal cracks to remove their entryways

Why should spraying and ant chalk be avoided?

Spraying for ants can:

- Cause toxins to end up in storm drains, and back into the environment at UCSC
- Be harmful to the campus, young children, and pets

Ant chalk:

- Is also toxic and should not be used
- Can be mistaken for regular chalk by children

How to Prevent a Future Invasion?

For a more efficient long-term solution:

- Use household caulk to seal shut entryways
- Keep sweet liquids and greasy foods in sealed containers
- Fix leaky faucets
- Store outdoor garbage cans far from the house



Is your ant problem not going away?

Before buying any pesticides for personal use,

Contact:

- EH&S
- Physical Plant Pest Management Office

Ask them about pest control strategies and environmental health issues.

Contact Information:

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