

IPM For Ants

WHAT IS IPM?

IPM manages pests by combining the tactics that are most likely to be safe and effective, including prevention and other alternatives. Pesticides, if used, should be the least hazardous to humans and target only the pest. With IPM, you ask “Why is the pest here?”, and remove the conditions allowing the pest to enter and live.

WHY USE IPM FOR ANTS?

- Less hazardous to human health
- More likely to give long-term control
- Easier to carry out safely and effectively
- More cost-effective
- Less toxic to non-target organisms

Prevention

The first step in preventing problems with ants is eliminating what is attracting them, usually food and water. By eliminating these attractants you can get long-term control and avoid the need to repeatedly use pesticides, which generally provide only short-term results.

- Prevent ants from entering your school by sealing off all cracks and crevices around windows, doors and pipes with caulking.
- Eliminate sources of food and water - repair water leaks, clean up all spills and crumbs, and don't let snacks or food sit out.
- Have your Custodian place a work order in School dude and a pest technician will visit and inspect your ant or pest problem. Pest technicians are fully trained and state certified to control the situation.