

Odorous House Ants

Tapinoma sessile



Identification:

- Small, brownish-black, home-invading nesting ant species
- Characteristic coconut-like odor when crushed
- Large colonies (10,000 or more ants) typically comprised of several thousands “workers” and many “queens”
- Attracted to moisture, carbohydrate and proteins (i.e. water, sugar, honey, dog and cat food)

American Pest Management’s Solution:

- Inspection, inspection, inspection! Primary nesting colonies are typically found on the exterior beneath shrubs, patio stones, wood, or lawn debris
- Premium gel bait applications where ants are most active
- Exterior perimeter applications with a residual liquid application to reduce foraging “worker” ants

Prevention:

- Good sanitation practices
- Reducing heavy foliage from the perimeter of the home
- Cutting back trees and shrubs
- Eliminating excessive moisture