



Optigard Ant Gel Bait:

A Comprehensive Guide for Effective Ant Control

Optigard Ant Gel Bait is a powerful tool for managing infestations of various ant species, with the exception of fire ants, harvester ants, and Pharaoh ants. This guide provides comprehensive instructions for utilizing Optigard to achieve optimal ant control results.

Mechanism of Action

Optigard Ant Gel Bait attracts ants with its high moisture retention properties, remaining palatable for at least two weeks after application.

Upon consumption, ants share the bait with their colony through trophallaxis (regurgitation), effectively distributing the active ingredient throughout the nest. This process eliminates the entire ant population, including the queen and brood.

Bait Application

Optigard can be applied using a syringe applicator or a bait injector. Place the bait in cracks, crevices, corners, and other discreet locations where ant activity is observed, such as:

- Under and behind kitchen appliances
- Along baseboards
- Under sinks
- Around window and door frames
- Near pipes and water heaters
- In attics, crawl spaces, and garages

Application Best Practices

- Clean any areas recently treated with insecticides before applying Optigard.
- Avoid spraying insecticides over the gel, as this can render the bait repellent to ants.
- Do not apply bait to surfaces that are frequently washed, as water can dilute or remove the bait.

Indoor Use

Strategically place Optigard in areas where ants are observed, focusing on entry points and areas with high moisture:

- **Wall voids**
- **Cracks and crevices in kitchens and bathrooms**
- **Under sinks**
- **Window sills and door frames**
- **Screen vents**
- **Attics, crawl spaces, and garages**

Outdoor Use

Apply bait on, in, or adjacent to structures where ants are present, along ant trails, and in areas with potential ant activity. Optimal outdoor locations include:

- **Soffits and eaves**
- **Weep holes**
- **Areas where pipes and wires enter the structure**
- **Refillable, tamper-resistant bait stations**

Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Strategies

- **Exposure to direct sunlight, extreme temperatures, and water can reduce the effectiveness of the bait.**
- **For long-term control, especially for species like the Argentine ant, combine baiting with other ant management methods, such as**

reducing food sources, eliminating honeydew-producing insects, and utilizing exclusion techniques (e.g., sealing cracks and crevices).

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