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Here Come the Ants!

No home is safe from invading ants. These pests are nearly everywhere on the planet, and they infest every neighborhood. They are so common a problem (the #1 pest in Gallup and other polls) and so widespread, that you can be certain they are trying to invade your home on a daily basis.



The first ants that invade a home are the "scouts" looking for food, water, or a nesting place. Once they find what they are looking for, they go back to their colony, laying down a scent trail as

they go. Soon other ants follow the trail, which can quickly become packed with ants. Some kinds of ants prefer sweet foods, while others prefer proteins like grease, meats, etc. A few species of ants actually switch back and forth. They may go for sweet foods one day, and greasy foods the next day.

Whenever possible, refuse to give ants what they want. Clean up crumbs, grease, and liquid spills. Occasionally rinse out your kitchen garbage container, even if you use garbage bags. Place opened foods in

sealed containers.

Also watch out for ants nesting indoors. When it's too hot, cold, wet, or dry outdoors, they may much prefer to stay in your nice temperature-controlled dwelling. Some species are quite good at moving their entire colony indoors at a moment's notice. They may nest most anywhere, but favorite places are behind walls and baseboards, beneath floors, in the soil of potted plants, and in other hidden areas.

You don't have to put up with ant invasions. As the area ant experts, we effectively control these persistent pests. So go ahead and tell your long-suffering neighbors about our professional services!

McKinzie Pest Control Voted "Best" by Emporia Gazette Readers



A recent reader survey by *The Emporia Gazette*, circulation of approximately 10,000, asked readers to submit their votes for the best of many kinds of businesses in their circulation area. McKinzie Pest Control, Emporia, KS, was voted the best pest control company.

Steve McKinzie, CEO, said, "We are quite proud and pleased that our longtime efforts to do everything possible to satisfy our customers was recognized by this impartial survey. The survey was limited to one vote per person so it was not possible for any business to 'stuff the ballot box' by submitting multiple ballots."

"We only received this vote of

confidence by the public because of the continued dedication and efforts of our staff of pest management professionals to achieve customer satisfaction and by making the most recent technology in pest management procedures available."

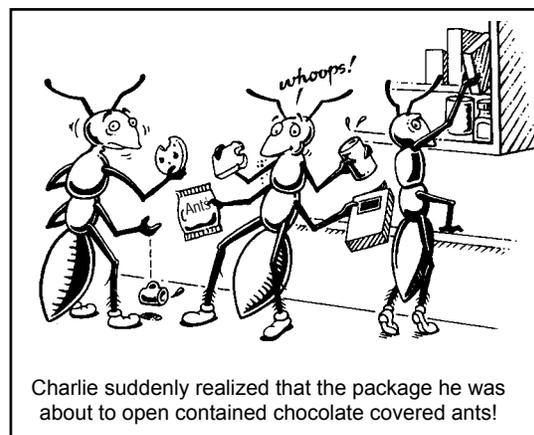
Congratulations to Bryon Estes and all the Emporia Staff: Glenda Williams, Joe Mason, John Baldomino, Chris Thomsen, and Jerry Daniel for a job well done!



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www.pest-free.net

Pest Prevention Tip of the Month

All grass and weeds are favorite breeding places for rodents, insects, and other pests. Eventually some of these pests will find their way indoors. Keep grassy areas trimmed, or relandscape to avoid the problem.



Charlie suddenly realized that the package he was about to open contained chocolate covered ants!