

## Pharaoh Ant classification and details

### Classification:

<b>Scientific classification</b>	Common name: Pharaoh ant
Kingdom: Animalia	Scientific Name: <i>Monomorium pharaonis</i>
Phylum: Arthropoda	Length: 1-1.5mm.
Class: Insecta	Color: Yellow or light brown to red
Order: Hymenoptera	Some other body features: Club at end of antennae has 3 segments
Family: Formicidae	Food preference: Sugar containing foods, sugary syrups, protein food sources
Subfamily: Myrmicinae	
Tribe: Solenopsidini	
Genus: Monomorium	
Species: <i>M. pharaonis</i>	

*Monomorium pharaonis*



### General

The pharaoh ants live in multi-colonies and are very complicated to exterminate. They build their nest in warm moist areas. Common areas are behind baseboards, in furniture, under floors, and between linens. These ants are a problem in commercial food-handling establishments, kitchens, grocery stores, restaurants, homes, hospitals, and high rise buildings, condos and rental facilities.

Colonies have queens and workers up to over 300,000 individuals.

### Diseases transmission:

They transmit infectious diseases because of their attraction to blood, intravenous fluids, wounds and bodily fluids. They are also attracted to food in the homes, restaurants and could transmit disease causing germs.

### Preventative measures:

Good housekeeping habits such as keeping foods in sealed containers and areas free of food. Avoid keeping sugary and protein food in open containers.

### Method of elimination:

Superior Pest Control Pros Inc. can manage and control this notorious pest in a professional manner using a combination of successful integrated programs. It is strongly

advised not to use unprofessional approach as this may lead to fragmentation of existing colonies into several new nests making it more difficult to control and manage.

**Strategy for pharaoh ant treatment:**

Superior Pest Control has a systematic professional approach to controlling both inside as well as the outside of the infested house/structure/apartment building. Good housekeeping is strongly recommended prior to treatment to get rid of food sources for the ants. It is recommended to clean food storage cabinets, floors, under sinks, fridges and stoves. This practice ensures the ants eat the bait we provide for their eradication.

**Preparation guidelines for a pharaoh ant treatment:**

In order to achieve control, it may be necessary to treat all rooms of the home as well as outside. Please ensure that access is provided to all areas of the home.

Prior to professional control a thorough cleaning of the infested house, structure, apartment building should be conducted to remove all food sources for ants. Areas the customer should clean would include food storage cupboards, floor areas throughout, behind refrigerators and stoves, etc.

Spaying is not recommended for the client/customer to use in its control. Strategic baiting program using a combination of sugar and protein based food pesticide to eliminate the colonies.

Please call SPC professional exterminators for control, we will be happy to help you!



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