



Working in Partnership with you

Preparing your House for our Service

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REMOVE - PROTECT - COVER

We follow a risk based approach to our service delivery to maximise the safety of all occupants, guests and pets in your house.

Remove the item from the service area to avoid contact with the pest control products.

Protect items by placing them in an area not being treated such as a cupboard or sealed container.

Cover the item or area to prevent contact with the pest control products. Newspaper, sheets, towels, or plastic sheets are ideal for this purpose.

Refer to the **Residential Information Sheet** for further details of what to expect and the areas that will be treated at your upcoming service.

Special items

- Cover or remove fish or reptile tanks. Switch off the oxygen pump for the duration of the service
- Ensure pets are not in treatment areas throughout the service and until re-entry time
- Caged birds to be removed from the service area
- Pet food and water bowls, bedding and toys
- Medical devices and medication

Kitchen and dining

- Exposed food items, kitchen appliances, crockery, utensils and any other items used for food preparation
- Dining tables, benchtops, islands or any food preparation surface

Lounge formal, living space, conservatories

- Electronic equipment such as stereos, TV's, laptops, games, musical instruments
- Oil paintings, table vases, ornaments, or any other precious items
- Kids items such as toys and furniture or personal items
- Leather furniture, side tables, coffee tables

Bedroom (Infant, Children, Teenagers, Elderly)

- Pillows, decorative cushions, throw, duvets
- Furniture, lamps, chairs, and other precious items
- Electronic equipment
- Oil paintings, table vases, ornaments, or any other precious item
- Kids items such as toys and furniture or personal items

Laundry, garage, basement

- Clothing, personal items, anything you don't want to come in contact with the service
- Vehicles, aquatic sporting equipment
- No laundry to be hanging inside or outside

Wardrobes / Cupboards / HWC

- Clothing, personal items, anything you don't want to come in contact with the service

Bathroom/Toilet/Ensuite

- Put towels, facecloths, toothbrushes, hair/makeup brushes and any other personal items away.
- Put the toilet seat lid down and remove or put toilet paper away



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Recently Painted Surfaces

We cannot treat surfaces that have been recently painted because the products we use may mark paint. Modern interior and exterior paints typically take up to 6 weeks to fully cure and harden off. Please inform your technician and the call centre team of any areas that have been recently painted.

Sensitive areas in your house

If the proposed service is to be carried out in any area that you consider to be sensitive, please contact our customer service team or inform the technician so we can recommend the appropriate preparation required for that area. Some sensitive areas include:

- bedrooms of infants and children, teenagers, elderly and any areas where potentially sensitive people might be affected from the service.

Window Cleaning

This is best done after the treatment as we cannot always guarantee there will be no overspray on glass. Window and door frames are important pest contact areas, therefore they need to be treated which may produce a light mist on glass edges. This can be removed by wiping with a dry cloth. Stubborn areas can be cleaned with a small quantity of water and wiped down.

After Treatment

After each treatment, it is important that you stay out of the house until the treatment is completely dry. This may take several hours, and your technician will advise you on this. We strongly recommend the use of a heat pump (on dehumidify setting), ventilation system, dehumidifier or fan heater to speed up the drying process.

When you re-enter the property, please open doors and windows to flush dampness out and ventilate rooms.

Cleaning Surfaces

Wipe down all food preparation surfaces before using and also wipe the toilet seat and vanity. We recommend that you do not wash the treated areas of your house for at least 8 weeks to provide longer lasting protection. If cleaning is required use dry brushing or dusting or limit wet cleaning to spots as and when required.

Residential Information Sheet

Ant Control Service

Our Expertise

One of our trained residential technicians will introduce themselves before explaining what to expect from our service.

All of our products are approved for the use around your house and they are specifically selected to achieve the best results for the pest service we are providing in the safest way.

At the completion of the service you will receive your pest management service report with information on what we have done and advice on how to prevent future pest infestations.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to ask your technician or contact our customer service team on 0800 736 865.

Your Rentokil Service

The aim of our ant control service is to protect your house from the outside and prevent ants from invading the inside and becoming a nuisance.

Ants typically nest in garden areas outside and only trail inside for food. Some ant species such as, the white footed ant, may nest inside your house but generally will still trail outside for food or moisture at some point. For this reason most control efforts only need to occur on the outside of your house.

Often, ants are an ongoing problem and our initial treatment will provide short term control but won't eradicate them. Please enquire about our quarterly maintenance plan for year round ant protection.

Ant Control Service - Exterior

Initially the technician will inspect around the property tracing ants back to their nest before identify the species. A specially developed ant bait will be carefully placed before applying a non-detecting spray around the outside and base of your house.

Ant Control Service - Interior

Usually we do not need to treat the inside of your house to control ants. Your technician will access the ant activity and if necessary they will advise you before applying the specific interior product.

Preparing for Your Service

Please refer to the "Working in Partnership with you" document for advice on how to prepare your house for this service.

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After Service Information

It is normal to see live ants for several days or weeks after your service. Please be patient while the products are taking effect on ant colonies and collapsing the nest. Where high ant population is present a maintenance plan is recommended.

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How to Prevent Ants in your house

Here are several ways to help you prevent and control ant problems in your house:

- Clean up food and liquid spills immediately
- Regularly clean food debris from under kitchen appliances
- Clean pet food bowls to remove food residues
- Clean rubbish and recycling bins regularly
- Keep compost piles as far away from your house as possible
- Seal entry points such as cracks and crevices around windows or door frames
- Trim trees or vegetation that touch your house to prevent ants using these to access your house without contacting treated surfaces