

Q. Is Terro Liquid Ant Bait safe to use around pets and children?

A. Terro can be used safely around pets and children. The inert ingredients are sweet food-based products similar to pancake syrup. The active ingredient is Borax. Borax is a natural mineral that is found in many consumer products and has been used safely by homeowners for years.

Q. How long does it take to eliminate an ant colony with Terro Liquid Ant Bait?

A. This is a BAIT type product and will initially attract lots of ants. The ants consume large quantities of the bait and then return to the nest and share it with the rest of the colony, including the queen, eventually eliminating the entire colony. This process can take from just a couple days to several weeks, depending on the size of the colony. Each ant that consumes the bait will die within 24 - 48 hours. It is recommended to leave the bait station as undisturbed as possible while the ants are actively feeding on it. You should replace it only if it becomes inaccessible to the ants, or empty.



Q. Why are my ants not attracted to the Liquid Ant Killer?

A. It could be that the liquid is drying out - it must remain in LIQUID form in order for the ants to consume it. Try placing a fresh drop out morning and night for several days. If this doesn't attract them, they may have another food source, or be in the breeding cycle of their colony and not interested in eating. If baiting is not working use Terro Ant Killer Spray. This is a crack and crevice aerosol spray which can be used indoors or outdoors, in hiding places behind sinks and cabinets, along baseboards and floors, and around drains and plumbing. Since most ant infestations are linked to a colony that is actually located underground outside the house, another line of defense is setting up a barrier around your house. Once a house has been baited inside for at least a week, [begin applying](#) TERRO Outdoor Ant Killer Granules around the perimeter of the house. Terro Outdoor Ant Killer Granules are ideal as part of a 2-step [ant control](#) process. We recommend using the outdoor granules in conjunction with liquid ant baits to eliminate ants inside and prevent outdoor ants from reinfesting.

Q. Why are ants always invading my kitchen, bathroom and laundry areas?

A. Ants are attracted to food, water and shelter, and these rooms provide at least two of these conditions!

Q. Help! I think the Terro Liquid Ant Killer is attracting the ants, not killing them.

A. Initially you will see more ants. As ant foragers look for food, they are attracted to the sweet liquid in the ant bait. Once a foraging worker ant has found a food source they drop what it called a 'trail pheromone' back to the nest, letting all the other worker ants know where a food supply has been found. This is why you initially see more ants. The Borax interferes with the ants' digestive systems, eventually killing the ants within 24-48 hours after consumption. So, while the insecticide in the bait will ultimately kill the worker ant, it works slowly enough that the worker has time to get back and share the bait with the colony. That's the only way to get rid of both the ants you see and the thousands you don't.



Q. Can Terro Liquid Ant Bait be used outdoors?

A. Absolutely! Terro Outdoor Liquid Ant Baits come in a specially designed weather-proof package that keeps the liquid ant bait from drying out and protects it from the elements. The baits are pre-filled and ready to use without the hassle of drips and spills, and a full ounce of bait is enclosed in each station for maximum effectiveness. Simply open the bait station, place it near ant trails or where ants are congregating, and wait for the bait to work. Terro Perimeter Ant Bait Plus is another outdoor ant bait product. Long lasting and weather resistant, the Ant Bait Plus granules not only kill entire colonies of outdoor ants - including carpenter ants - but they also eliminate annoying

cockroaches, crickets, earwigs, silverfish, slugs and snails. The bait, which is borate-based and formulated with a concern for the environment, has a delayed effect on ants. The ants transport the food back to the colony and share it - that's how entire colonies are eradicated. Within a few days, you will see significantly fewer ants in your yard and house. And, because the active ingredient can be used safely around children and pets, they may enter the treatment area immediately after application.

Q. I've been using Terro Liquid Ant Bait for the past few days. When should I remove the bait stations

A. It is recommended to leave the bait out for three to four days after ant activity diminishes. If no more ants appear, simply remove the bait and enjoy being ant-free!

Q. How do the Terro Liquid Ant Baits work?

A. The sweet liquid in the ant bait attracts ants quickly. The ants carry the bait to the colony, and this liquid is then distributed to other ants, including the queen. This process can take from just a couple days to several weeks, depending on the size of the colony. When using, place a liquid ant bait station close to where ants are located indoors. Using the Indoor Liquid Ant Bait stations eliminates the problem of the bait drying out and gives the ants a continuous supply of liquid, day and night. Liquid ant baits are specifically designed to kill the worker ant in two or three days. This slow kill is needed to allow time for the foraging ants to make several trips to the bait, and deliver enough bait to the rest of the colony. On days four and five, there should be a significant decrease in the number of ants visiting the bait. Since this is BAIT it is important to try to eliminate all other food sources so that the ants eat the Terro bait instead of other foods!

Q. I've been successfully using Terro Liquid Ant Baits and now have small piles of dead ants. Is this normal?

A. The dead ants you are seeing are called "midden piles." These are the ants that have died and been removed from the colony by the other ants. This means there are still a few ants remaining in the colony so continue to use the ant bait until there are no new piles.

Q. Is there an expiration date on Terro liquid ant killer?

A. The shelf life for Terro is almost unlimited but like any food-based product it may be less attractive to ants after 24 months. We suggest using fresh bait if it seems like you have had the same bottle for a few years.

Q. Why are the ants moving pieces of debris to the liquid baits?

A. Sometimes you will see ants depositing material near the bait stations. The ants could be attempting to protect or hide the bait for later use or establishing a nest closer to the bait itself. It is nothing to worry about when you see the ants doing this.

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