Honey & Peanut Butter Bait Method

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This bait method is to be used during the inspection phase of an ant control program when numerous ants are sighted and an infestation is obvious, but a clear trail cannot be detected. The following steps will encourage trailing so that a homeowner or PCP may then visually locate entry points and/or nests and colonies.

1) Place a large dab of honey and a dab of peanut butter side by side on a flat note card or piece of tin foil.

2) Place the card or foil in a corner on the floor close to where you notice the greatest ant activity.

3) If the activity is in several places, put out more than 1 card.

Within about two hours, the ants will locate the food source, and form a steady trail of workers to and from the colony to the food source.

This method may also be used to prepare the ants for baiting. They will already have staked out and communicated to the colony the location of the peanut butter and honey food source, so that when an active chemical bait is placed in the same location, the ants should readily make the transition to begin feeding from the new source.

Read more on **Ant Baiting Tips**

Baits For Protein Feeding Ants (prefer peanut butter):
Advance 375A Select Granular Ant Bait- Advance Ant Bait is protein-based bait that eliminates common varieties of household ants.

Baits For Sweet Feeding Ants (prefer jelly or honey):
Maxforce Ant Bait Gel - Effective against Argentine, Odorous House, Ghost, Pavement, and Little Black Ants.
Advance Liquid Ant Bait- A balanced formulation of sugar and water that ants need and desire. The bait will kill the entire colony.

For sweet and protein feeding, bait-switching species, or when you aren't sure:
Gourmet Ant Bait Gel- Gel uses a special insect attractant that mimics honeydew and enhances bait acceptance by a variety of Protein Feeding Ants, Sweet Feeding Ants, and roaches.
Advance 360A Dual Choice Ant Bait Stations Ants won't be able to resist the dual choice bait matrix available in each Advance 360A Dual Choice Ant Bait Station. When the bait is carried to the nest, it will kill the queen and eventually eliminate the entire colony!

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