

Before applying any insecticides, it is important to [inspect](#) and to [prepare the treatment area](#). Practice good sanitation by eliminating food and water sources that may compete with the baits you are about to apply. Also find ways to seal up and eliminate access points into the structure. These steps will help not only to treat an existing infestation, but also to prevent future problems. Once you have identified the hot spots where ants are entering or trailing indoors, you are ready to use the products in your Indoor Ant Kit.

## **How to Apply the Indoor Ant Kit**

### **STEP 1 - BAIT - Bait Plate Stations, Advance 375A Granule Bait, Maxforce FC Ant Bait Gel**

\*Handle bait stations with clean, dry hands or wear gloves. Avoid handling bait with bare hands as this may make baits less palatable.

\*Your kit includes a set of 12 bait station bases, 12 lids, and 12 glue dots. Pull apart the stacks to separate the components. Each base is a tray with two ridged channels so that you can use two different baits in each bait plate station.

\*To apply the Advance 375A Granule Bait, unscrew the top, then either gently tap the granules into a bait plate station tray, or use a dedicated or disposable tool such as a plastic spoon to scoop the bait into each station. Use 0.3 oz.- 1.0 oz. of bait in one side of each bait plate station you plan to set out. (Keep the other channel empty for the gel bait.)

\*To apply the Maxforce FC Ant Bait Gel, first gently unscrew the solid black tip of the tube you would like to use. Replace this tip with one of the clear, reusable tips included with your kit. Use either a [bait gun](#) or the included plastic plunger to gently expel the gel from the tube, similar to using a syringe. (You may need to pull back gently on the plunger to prevent over-application.) Place a spot of bait about the size of a pea in the other side of each bait plate stations you plan to use.

\*When you are done applying the Maxforce FC Ant Bait Gel, replace the clear plastic tip with the black solid tip to store bait.

\*After you have filled your bait plate station trays, snap a lid onto each one by lining up the U-shaped tab and the round tab with the corresponding parts in the tray. Gently press the edges of the lid until it is firmly snapped into the tray, being careful not to tilt the trays, which may cause granule bait to spill. It is not necessary to remove the perforated tab from the bait plate station lids.

\*You should place bait in areas where ant activity has been noticed. It is important to avoid purposefully putting the bait in the middle of an ant trail or onto the ants themselves: this will make the ants avoid the bait and make the baiting ineffective. Instead, put the bait near ant activity or next to ant trails. Some examples of places where the bait can be placed are:

- In kitchen cabinets and on counter tops.

- Behind, next to, and under the stove.
- Near sinks or drains
- Around pipes, cords, and cables that come out of the wall.
- Behind and under bathroom fixtures.
- Around the medicine cabinet and vanity.

\*You should check the bait placements once a week and replenish as needed until ant activity has ceased. Be sure to continue reapplying bait as long as the ants accept it!

\*Store baits in a dry, temperate area, out of direct sunlight. Baits are best used within a year of opening.

\*Bait stations may be wiped clean and washed with warm water for reuse later. Do not use fragrant cleaners, as this may make future bait applications unattractive.

## **STEP 2 - SPRAY - Phantom Aerosol Spray**

\*Phantom aerosol is a non-repellent ant spray that will have effects similar to those of your ant baits. Although this will take a little more time to start killing the colony, it is a great companion and backup for when ants may not be actively foraging for food.

\*Phantom can be used with the wide spray nozzle or with the included white nozzle and black crack and crevice straw. We recommend applying Phantom with the straw to make more detailed applications. If you have trouble inserting the straw, you may need a pair of needle-nosed pliers to force the straw into the nozzle. (Be sure to do this while the tip is off the can.)

\*Apply Phantom to cracks and crevices where ants are likely to enter the structure or to trail, such as around window frames and door frames, where pipes and other utilities enter the structure, in corners, under appliances, and in any other spots where ants may have access into the structure.

\*Keep other people and pets out of the treatment area until the spray has dried.

\*Do not spray Phantom or other insecticides directly on top of bait placements.

\*Phantom may be reapplied if needed, but wait at least 4 weeks between applications.