



## ANTS

Ants don't usually directly harm garden plants. However, some types "farm" aphids in order to obtain the sweet, sticky honeydew that they produce. If the level of ants becomes intolerable, trap them with commercial traps, or mix 1 tablespoon of boric acid with 1/2 cup of jelly. Place spoonfuls of this mixture in jar lids or bottle caps in the area where ants have been seen. Be sure to warn children that these traps contain poison.

If ants are a problem on decks or patios, wash their trails with detergent. This confuses them and will reduce their numbers. If they are climbing on patio furniture, try applying petroleum jelly or double-sided tape to the legs.

Carpenter ants feast on rotting wood. Removal of the wood should eliminate the problem.