

A Bug's Life

Pavement ant

Tetramorium immigrans

Fun facts

- Named because they nest under pavement and concrete slab like basements, garage and driveway
- Large colonies that often battle on sidewalks with other ants for territory
- Enter structure at expansion joints
- Sugar feeding ants that feed on grease and protein sources
- First ants to find food or spills

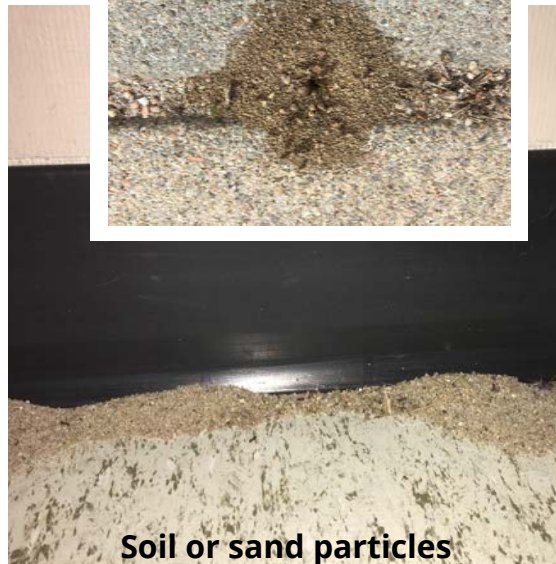
Identification

Damage: Soil particles kicked out of expansion joints or cracks in concrete, piles of sand in driveway or sidewalk

Workers: 2-nodes, 1/8" long, pair of spines on thorax, stinger, 3-segmented club on antenna, visible grooves/ridges on head and thorax, may be reddish-brown to black in color



Pavement ant war



Soil or sand particles

Management

- Clean up spills and drips right away
- Use a variety of ant baits, placed as close to trail and close to exterior
- While using baits, ants must be allowed to feed and take back to colony
- Continue baiting until foraging stops, but new colonies will replace old colonies so continue to monitor
- Do not use repellent insecticide sprays during baiting program as it will counteract effectiveness



Liquid sugar bait

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