

Commercial Ant Prevention Checklist



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What Your Team Can Do to Help Prevent Ants

Recurring ant activity is often connected to everyday conditions inside and around a facility. Consistent sanitation, moisture control, storage practices, exterior maintenance, and clear reporting can help reduce the conditions ants are looking for — while giving your pest management provider better information to identify activity early.

Use this checklist with your team to help stay ahead of ant problems.

1 Keep Food and Waste Areas Clean

- Clean spills and food residue promptly
- Check beneath equipment, appliances, and shelving for hidden debris
- Store food and ingredients in sealed containers
- Include desks, lockers, break rooms, and employee workspaces in routine cleaning
- Empty trash and recycling regularly
- Keep dumpsters and compactors clean and positioned away from the building whenever possible

2 Address Moisture Quickly

- Repair leaking faucets, pipes, and irrigation components
- Clean and maintain drains regularly
- Investigate standing water, excess condensation, and persistent dampness
- Check restrooms, utility rooms, kitchens, and other moisture-prone areas
- Report recurring moisture issues to the appropriate maintenance team

3 Check Deliveries and Storage Areas

- Inspect incoming boxes, pallets, and supplies for signs of pest activity
- Keep stored materials off the floor when possible
- Leave space between stored items and walls to make inspections easier
- Remove excess cardboard and unnecessary clutter
- Pay close attention to receiving docks and high-traffic storage areas

4 Maintain the Building Exterior

- Trim trees and shrubs away from the building
- Keep mulch and leaf litter from building up against the foundation
- Correct irrigation that keeps the perimeter continually damp
- Keep exterior trash areas clean
- Check doors, loading docks, windows, and utility openings for gaps
- Report damaged seals or other potential entry points for repair

5 Make Pest Reporting Part of the Routine

Employees are often the first to notice changes in pest activity. Make sure your team knows what to do when they see ants.

- Record where the ants were seen
- Note the date and time
- Document nearby food, moisture, deliveries, or other conditions that may be relevant
- Report sightings through your facility's established process
- Avoid applying store-bought sprays unless directed by your pest management provider

Early reporting can help reveal patterns and make it easier to trace activity to a likely source.

When to Bring in a Professional

Contact Turner if:

- Ant activity keeps returning after cleaning
- Ants appear in food preparation, storage, or customer-facing areas
- More than one part of the facility is affected
- Activity appears to be coming from walls, plumbing, or electrical areas
- Your team cannot identify where the ants are entering
- Pest activity could affect an inspection, audit, or customer requirement

Stay Ahead of Recurring Ant Activity

A strong commercial pest prevention program depends on more than reacting to the ants you see. It means identifying the conditions that support activity, giving employees clear steps to follow, and addressing issues before they become larger operational concerns.

Turner Pest Control can inspect your facility, identify likely sources of ant activity, and recommend a prevention plan built around your property, industry, and day-to-day operations. Request Your Free Inspection Today.