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**Ants attracted by nice weather in North Vancouver.**

# How to avoid an infestation in your home

Advice from the experts:

■ To prevent an ant infestation, clean out yard debris and repair leaks — ants prefer moist environments.

■ Caulk all gaps and cracks and spray cracks and crevices with a residual aerosol spray containing environmentally friendly permethrin or pyrethrin at \$10 to \$30 a can. It's important to follow label instructions, especially with pets or children. One company recommends pregnant women and children under five leave the house for 24 hours after spraying.

■ Carpenter ants may be heard but not seen. Check for telltale tiny piles of sawdust inside and out.

■ If you find more than one flying ant (males fly in a swarm before mating and dying) inside your house, it's likely there's a nest inside. Professional help, at \$150 to \$500, is highly recommended.

For more information go to [www.pestcontrolcanada.com](http://www.pestcontrolcanada.com).