Magnolia Woods Civic Association - 2017 Fire Ant Funeral

This bag contains Extinguish® Professional Fire Ant Bait.

Get Ready to Treat Your Yard:

You will need a <u>hand-spreader</u> to treat your yard.

If you don't have a spreader, email brmwca@gmail.com to borrow one.

Treat Your Yard

- 1. Pour the entire bag of sterilant into the spreader.
- 2. Set the broadcast rate at the lowest setting.

A little goes a long way! Use the lowest setting makes sure you have enough for the whole yard.

3. Starting on the outside perimeter, walk slowly around your yard while spreading the product to treat all areas.

When to Treat Your Yard

- Extinguish® Professional Fire Ant Bait should be applied when ants are active and foraging (when soil temperature is greater than 60 F).
- Do not apply this product within 6 hours of rain or on grass that is wet from dew or irrigation.

Do you need help treating your yard?

To request a volunteer to help spread the sterilant in your yard, email brmwca@gmail.com.

Fire Ant Funeral FAQs

Is this product dangerous for my pets or children?

No! This product works by attracting worker ants, which carry the sterilant deep into the fire ant mound. It is designed to affect only the queen's ability to produce eggs.

Is Extinguish® Professional Fire Ant Bait an insecticide?

No! This product contains an insect growth regulator that affects the fire ant queen.

Do I need to wear protective gear when treating my yard?

Under ordinary conditions, no special protective gear is needed when using this product.

When should I see results from treating my yard?

It takes some time for fire ant colonies to die from lack of new workers, however there should be a dramatic decrease in the number of fire ants which overwinter and infest our yards in the Spring.

Where can I find safety information about this product?

For safety and technical information about **Extinguish® Professional Fire Ant Bait**, view the following documents:

- Safety Data Sheet
 - http://www.extinguishfireants.com/uploads/products/extinguish_msds.pdf
- Product Label

http://www.extinguishfireants.com/uploads/products/AG%2015-024 Extinguish%20Pro Specimen%20Label.pdf

THE NEIGHBORHOOD

THE MAGNOLIA WOODS CIVIC ASSOCIATION

Fire Ant Funeral - March 25th



MWCA will sponsor its Spring 2017 fire ant funeral to reduce infestations throughout the neighborhood on the weekend of March 25th.

Property lines pose no barrier to ants so it's essential that

- All households participate and
- All lawns are treated in as brief a window as possible to keep ants in untreated yards from invading already treated spaces.

MWCA will provide sterilant will to all residences in the neighborhood.

What is a Fire Ant Funeral?

Fire ants are controlled by spreading a combination bait/sterilant that is specifically formulated to contain fire ant populations by preventing queens from producing eggs. The sterilant is granular and is spread evenly throughout lawns using a hand spreader.

Is the Sterilant Dangerous to Pets, Children, or Beneficial Insects?

No. This is not a "killing" insecticide. Worker ants are attracted to the bait and carry the sterilant deep into the mound where it prevents <u>fire ant queens</u> from producing eggs. It takes a while for colonies to die from the lack of new workers being produced; however there should be a dramatic decrease in fire ants next Spring. Other "desirable" or "harmless" ants are not affected because the bait is formulated to be attractive to <u>fire ants</u>.

When Do I Treat My Yard?

The sterilant will be distributed March 25 and must be spread by April 3. Spread the sterilant when there is no rain in the forecast for several days after the sterilant is spread.

How Do I Participate?

MWCA needs volunteers to help:

- Package sterilant for distribution,
- Deliver sterilant packages to neighbors, and
- Spread sterilant for neighbors who need help.

Let us know if you can help by emailing us at the address below:

To Volunteer: Email brmwca@gmail.com

Help support this and other projects by paying your MWCA Membership Dues!

Annual Membership Dues are only \$35 and are used to pay for projects that benefit our neighborhood, including the Fire Ant Funeral. If you haven't paid your dues, go to the MWCA website (www.mwca.net) for information on paying online or by check.