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Subject: Re: I Hate Ants

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You know, I lived most of my life in Tulsa, so I didn't really have much grasp on the problem of pest control. Mostly this is because population centers tend to limit the populations of lots of bugs. Some cities spray insecticide, especially when there are outbreaks of diseases carried by disease-bearing insects, like West Nile. But even without this kind of insect control, the mere fact that cities tend to deter wildlife civilizations has a side-effect of deterring some insect populations, especially those that act as parasites on the wildlife. So having grown up in Tulsa, I wasn't aware of many of the problems of insect control.

Now that I live in Bella Vista - in the Ozarks - I am surrounded by a lot of trees and wildlife. It's beautiful here. But that also brings with it a whole new set of problems in the form of pest control. Lots of bugs and lots of other little nuisance critters.

So all that to say I feel your pain. We have been using a pest control service for many years. Not so much for the small animal critters, all though some of the bugs we treat for are food for small animals so treating for one naturally solves the problems from the other. An example is treating for grubs makes it much less likely that the yard gets dug up by animals that seek to eat the grubs. A big one I always treat for is ticks. If you live here for twenty years and don't treat your property for ticks, the chances of getting one of the tick-borne diseases rises to nearly 100%.

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