**PREPARTION FOR CARPENTER ANTS’ TREATMENT**

***It is necessary for you to remove all pets, cover fish tanks and remain out of the unit for approximately 4 – 6 hours following the treatment. If you have any respiratory or other medical issues it is recommended that you stay out of the unit for 24 hours.***

To help **resolve** a carpenter ant infestation in your home it is necessary to follow these guidelines:

# How to prepare your home prior to technician arriving:

# Empty all lower kitchen & washroom cupboards (if ants are seen in upper cupboards please empty as well)

# Move items/furniture 12” (30cm) away from the walls (Please be sure to exercise safety first and do not attempt to move very large/heavy items/furniture) we will do our best to work around the areas.

# Access to closet flooring area around tracks and baseboards

# Access to all window frames

# Vacuum and clean all areas before treatment, wash all garbage bins with hot soapy water regularly.

# Treatment

Carpenter ants typically infest areas where moisture is an issue such as areas around dishwashers or wood that is water damaged. To solve a carpenter ant infestation, it is important to locate and treat the nest area and resolve the moisture issues. A general baseboard treatment will be done to help control any foraging ants. Insecticide sprays, dusts and / or ant bait may be used.

# Post Treatment Information

Following the treatment, any baits that were used **must** be left where the technician has placed them. Do not wash the baseboard areas for at least 3 week after the treatment.

**DO NOT** spray any insecticides or use cleaning chemicals on or near the bait placement.