Some Facts About Ants

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Ants have six legs and a body with three segments. You will note that an ant has a head that is quite big in size. While ants are small, they are strong. An ant can lift something as much as 20 times its weight.

Fire ants are reddish, and they sting. When people spot fire ants, they will not stand too close if they are wise.

Pavement ants are brown or black and do not bite or sting. They got their name because they like to nest in the cracks of pavement. You can often spot them if you look at the sides of concrete that make up sidewalks.

Ants listen with their feet. When the land shakes, ants will sense this with their feet and legs. And when ants travel to find snacks, they sometimes put down a smell so that they can find that spot again.

Some ants like to munch on wood, and these ants can be a big problem for people. With time, many ants munching can wreck a deck or the base of a home.

If you want to put a stop to ants coming too close to your house, there are things you can do. Do not let piles of branches or sticks sit next to your house because ants will want to nest in them. Also, do not let standing water be next to your home because water invites ants and insects to come over for a drink.