



# FOUR SEASONS GROUNDWORKS

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## The Fire Ant Challenge

Since arriving in Alabama from South America in the 1930s, red imported fire ants have earned a reputation as a stubborn and vicious pest. If disturbed, they will attack in mass, each insect stinging repeatedly and injecting venom with each sting. Today, they infest more than 260 million acres in 13 southern states as well as California, New Mexico, and Puerto Rico; and the problem is spreading. One dome-shaped mound may contain more than 200,000 ants.

Controlling fire ants has been challenging, to say the least. Traditional methods are troublesome and results are often less than satisfying. Baits and contact insecticides are the two primary approaches. Both have drawbacks.

In the case of baits, they must be fresh and the fire ants must be actively foraging for treatments to be effective. Baits can be ruined by rain, and even if there is no rain, multiple applications are required. Baits don't provide residual control either, so they are only curative, not preventative.

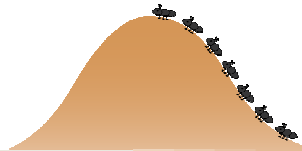
Contact materials provide quick surface

kill, but not complete eradication. (The foraging ants they kill are only about 10% of the total population and die before returning to the colony.) Mound treatments often must be watered in and, again, multiple applications are required per season. Multiple applications are more than just an inconvenience. The increase user exposure, the environmental pesticide load, and the cost of labor and materials. Contact materials often have an offensive odor, too.

### NEW SOLUTION

Our turf grass experts have discovered a new product that will eliminate all of the expensive applications and replace them with one simple and safe application that will leave your property 95% protected for a full year.

Our experts will make one broadcast application and within 4-6 weeks will deliver 95% fire ant control. Once fire ants are gone, you can expect them to stay gone for up to a full year. Call to schedule your treatment right away!



## Transplant Shrubs and Trees Now!

January is the best month of the year to transplant any trees or shrubs that may have outgrown their allotted space. The cold temperatures ensure that the plant will need less water and nutrients than any other time of the year. Most deciduous trees and shrubs can be easily relocated if you perform the procedure correctly. A great number



of evergreen plants can be moved at this time of year. We have the experience and the equipment to transplant trees and shrubs of many sizes.

We have transplanted trees as tall as 20 feet in height with great success.

One word of caution about Camellias, they will lose most all of their blooms if the transplant is performed while they are still blooming!!

### January Chores

- Prune crepe Myrtle Trees
- Take down Christmas decorations
- Treat ant hills
- Freshen pine straw
- Plant trees and shrubs
- Enjoy Camellia Blossoms
- Plan landscape improvements
- Water during dry spells
- Clean up leaves and debris

**\$25 OFF**  
**Fire Ant**  
**Control**  
**Treatment**

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