



ANT FARM WATCHERS READ THIS FIRST

Some tips:

For your information:

This ant program is designed for observation of worker ants only. These ants do not breed. (It is unlawful to sell or send queen ants, therefore your kit only contains worker ants.)

The ants you are receiving are commonly known as Western Harvester Ants. Their scientific name is *Pogonomyrmex Californicus*. They may bite, so be careful with them! These worker ants will live for two to four weeks on average.

Give the ants bottled drinking water instead of tap water. Tap water may contain additives that could be harmful.

A couple of droppers full every other day is sufficient to keep the top sand moist but not soggy. The ants can extract moisture from the sand

Harvester ants will eat almost anything, but their favorite foods are fresh vegetables and fruits. However, it's important to feed them sparingly. Feed them one small bit (about the size of an uncooked popcorn kernel) of celery, apple or carrot. Put one bit of food in the ant hill about every third day. Do not put in more food than recommended; it will grow moldy and toxic to the ants. Some oatmeal is provided for another source of food.

Keep the ant farm in a quiet place, away from any sources of heat (such as direct sunlight, light bulbs, heaters, TV sets, radios, computers, etc.) The ant farm can become a hothouse very quickly. The room temperature should be a constant 68 - 72 F day and night.

Do not disturb the ant farm. Keep it in one place and leave it there. Remember: ANTS, as well as humans, hate earthquakes!

We hope these tips will help you properly maintain and enjoy your ants! Please call our office at 232-0062 ext. 112, if you have any questions.

GOOD LUCK, AND HAPPY ANT WATCHING!