Everleigh

Fire Ants Frequently Asked Questions



Along with many areas in SEQ, Greenbank and Everleigh sit within the Fire Ant Biosecurity Zone1, which restricts the movement of certain materials on and off site.

We urge all residents within the estate to check and report any suspecting Fire Ant cases they find on their properties, in their gardens, parks, and other green areas to the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries.

Everleigh residents are encouraged to visit the below link to familiarise yourself with Fire Ants, their treatment and working in Fire Ant Biosecurity Zones.

www.daf.qld.gov.au/plants/weeds-pest-animals-ants/invasive-ants/fire-ants

Residents and their builders need to be mindful of abiding by the material movement restrictions within a Biosecurity Zone 1. More information can be found on the above web site.

IDENTIFYING FIRE ANTS

You can identify Fire Ants by their coppery-brown colour and darker coloured abdomen. While small, 2–6 millimetres in size, their sting is incredibly painful and in rare cases can lead to anaphylactic shock. Their nests look like mounds of loose soil with no visible entry or exit holes.

Here are the most common places you are likely to find Fire Ants:

- In and around logs and rocks
- Gardening materials such as pot plants
- Lawns & Garden beds
- Taps and utility pits

When checking nests for Fire Ants, gently poke the nest with a long stick and observe the ants that come out. Be careful not to get too close, as Fire Ants are aggressive and will swarm when disturbed.

REPORTING FIRE ANTS

You can report Fire Ants in 2 easy steps:

Take a close-up photo of any suspicious ants or nests.

Send the photo to the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries and complete the 'Yard Check Report' online to <u>www.daf.qld.gov.au/fireants</u> or call 13 25 23.

Thank you for your cooperation and assisting in making Everleigh a truly enjoyable community.

If you have any further questions, please contact the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries directly on 13 25 23

