



Ants at Calabay?!?

As with any community in Florida, Calabay does see their share of pests, especially when the weather gets warmer. The HOA does treat for all landscaping pests such as fire ants and chinch bugs (pests that will destroy landscaping) but what about other ants that are seen? After a community review, the ants that you might be noticing are 2 very common types of non-nuisance ants (or household ants) called pyramid ants or pavement ants. These type of ants are not treated for in the community as these are not a part of the pest control service as required by our documents as the HOA helps controls pests that will affect the health of landscaping. Any other type of non-nuisance pests, are the responsibility of the homeowner.

So how can you tell between a fire ant and pyramid ant? Good Question! The easiest way to tell is by the ant mound. A pyramid Ant mound will have only 1 opening and be concave in the center where a fire ant mound will have multiple openings and not be round. If you ever seen what looks to be a fire ant mound, please contact Highland Community Management as soon as possible with your address and where the mound is located to be treated.

Pyramid Ant Mound



Fire Ant Mound



Why don't they like my Sago Palm?



The Board has been reviewing all types of plants that are commonly found within the community and researching them for an updated approved plant list. While working on this update, we have found out that Sago Palms are extremely poisonous to animals and humans if eaten! For this reason, the Board will not be allowing any new Sago Palms to be installed and will be working to remove any Sago Palms on HOA property for the safety of all our residents, both 2 and 4 legged! We urge any owners who have these palms to consider removal at their home as well!

Community Wide Plant Treatment

Our landscaper will be treating many of the hedges within the community with a granular growth inhibitor which will slow all height growth and will allow the plants to fill in and bloom better. This treatment will be seen as small grains placed by the roots of the hedges and not sprayed on as previous treatments.



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