Red imported fire ant (RIFA) is one of the world’s most serious and invasive ant pests. **Look and report any new or suspicious ant activity.**

- Hard to distinguish from common native ants.
- 2-8mm, reddish brown in colour with a darker abdomen.
- Different sized ants in one nest.
- Nests that often have no visible entry holes like other ant nests.
- Young nests can be indistinct or start out as small piles of excavated soil.
- A fiery sting that can blister and form pustules at the sting site.
- Ants that exhibit aggressive behaviour when disturbed.

**Follow quarantine rules and report new or suspicious ant activity**

MyPestGuide:
- App: MyPestGuide™ Reporter
  - Website: mypestguide.agric.wa.gov.au

To the department’s Pest and Disease Information Service:
- Phone: (08) 9368 3080
  - Email: padis@dpird.wa.gov.au

We realise the restrictions may cause some inconvenience, but your cooperation will help eradicate red imported fire ant from Western Australia.

The department will assist businesses to ensure the movement restrictions have minimal impact on business operations.

If you see any unusual activity remember do not disturb the nest or touch ants as they may aggressively defend it. Do not send in live ants. Take a photo if safe to do so and contact us.

Red imported fire ant (RIFA) has been detected in the Fremantle Port area. Treatment and surveillance activities are underway, and a Quarantine Area is in place to eradicate the pest.

See inside to find out how this affects you.
Restrictions on moving risk material are in place within the Quarantine Area. These risk materials could potentially spread red imported fire ant (RIFA).

**RIFA risk material**
- Potted plants
- Plant mulch, bark and wood chips
- Hay and straw
- Manure
- Soil – including potting mix
- Pebbles and gravel
- Grass and turf
- Any machinery or equipment used in digging, earthmoving or disturbing of soil
- Shipping containers

**Movement rules:**
- This applies only to items used for commercial purposes.
- **Affected items** may be moved outside of the Quarantine Area only if approved by the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD).
- **Shipping containers** may be moved if they are free from any RIFA risk material or RIFA nest material. This will require businesses to undertake a visual inspection.
- Contact DPIRD’s Pest and Disease Information Service on 9368 3080 for movement authorisation or more information on the movement of shipping containers.

Please note restrictions DO NOT apply to items that have been in the Quarantine Area for less than five days. Refer to the Quarantine Area Notice on the below web pages.

For more detailed information visit [agric.wa.gov.au/rifa](http://agric.wa.gov.au/rifa)

*Image courtesy of National Red Imported Fire Ant Eradication Program*