

**WATCH YOUR STEP**

# Mild Winter May Mean Big Fire Ant Problems

An invading army of insects is pushing its way up coastal North Carolina in an advance that, thus far at least, humans appear unable to stop. In Brunswick County, the fire ant rivals the sandspur on the watch-where-you-step scale.

If you're a new homeowner or visitor here, learn to identify and avoid fire ant mounds before you figure it out the hard way.

Fire ants, pesky creatures able to deliver a painful sting all out of proportion to their size, have taken advantage of the mildness of recent winters to expand their hold on North Carolina. They are now established throughout southeastern North Carolina.

A nuisance around homes or anywhere people gather, fire ants inflict painful stings which can be life-threatening to people allergic to them. They have extended their range in North Carolina as much as 25 to 30 miles per year recently. Entomologists agree that there currently is no way to eradicate the insects over large areas, although there are insecticides that can be used against individual colonies.

Two kinds of insecticides cur-

rently are available to treat local infestations. Granular bits will gradually poison an entire colony, but act over a period of weeks. Mound drenches, which are poured over a fire ant mound, act more quickly but must be mixed with water. Either type will kill most ants in a colony.

Fire ants range from an eighth to a quarter-inch long. They have a

black abdomen and reddish body. While they are often mistaken for other types of red ants, fire ants build distinctive dome-shaped mounds and tend to boil out of the mound in large numbers when it is disturbed.

The ants are native to South America. They have slowly spread through the southern U.S. after be-

ing accidentally introduced into this country.

Mild winters help the ants spread. More members of a colony are likely to survive a mild winter to expand the colony next summer. And when a few ants are accidentally moved from an infested to an uninfested area, it is more likely those few ants will survive over a

mild winter to reproduce and form new colonies.

Researchers are experimenting with pheromones, insect sex attractants, as a means of eradicating ants over large areas. It may be possible to use pheromones to disrupt mating.

But until such measures are perfected, step lightly and pay attention.

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