

AVCG
Ant Crew Description, Responsibilities and Tasks
2019-2020
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Purpose:

The Ant Crew was established in 2012 due to the overwhelming number and the destructive nature of the Argentine Ants found in our garden. Also at that time a newly researched (researched at South Coast REC in Irvine) organic product became available to the home gardener for our use.

Goal:

Our goal is to "control" the ant population using "organic" bait stations so that our plants and beneficial insects are productive and provide us with fruit, flowers and vegetables for our enjoyment. See AVCG website for a more detailed description of the bait station locations and product.

Current Crew Member: 1 coordinator

Crew Coordinator Responsibilities:

- Communicate with AVCG Officers and Steering Committee concerning budget and ongoing needs of the Crew.
- Communicate with garden members about missing or misplaced bait stations.
- Communicate with garden members when a request for a bait station in plot is received.
- Request needed bait, borax, distilled water, bait stations, or covers from Officer mentor in a timely manner.
- At the end of the month, report accomplishments and any issues to the Officer Mentor, who shares the information at the monthly Steering Committee meeting.

Tasks:

Monthly:

- Mix bait and fill bait stations.
- Check stations and bait station covers for damage or loss.
- Check bin and reorganize if needed.
- Follow-up every 2 weeks and top off bait stations.

As requested:

- Move floater bait stations to plots with ant invasions.
- Move floater bait stations back to assigned area.