

## **How To Collect Argentine Ants for Identification**

1. Place a dab of honey, sugar water, or sweet jelly in the center of an index card.
2. Place the index card where ants are seen. Allow ants to recruit to the sugar source.
3. Put the index card with the ants into a plastic bag, then place the bag into the freezer overnight. The cold temperature will slow them down or kill them.
4. When ants are immobilized, they can be easily tapped into a vial (e.g., empty pill bottle) containing rubbing alcohol with a tight fitting lid, and submitted for identification, or placed under a microscope for ID.
5. If assistance in identification is needed take or mail the ant sample in the plastic vial to the local County Cooperative Extension office. Include your name, address, phone number and email address, date, location where the ant sample was collected, and any other relevant information (e.g., whether found inside or outdoors, etc.).

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