



FIRE ANTS

New mounds form after flooding & storms

Be cautious:

- **Do not stand near** or on ant nests/mounds.
- Fire ants can be **found in debris** from flooded homes, especially debris that has been sitting in one area for several days.
- Fire ants can also be found in debris that must be handled by using a shovel or other tool.
- Fire ants can also be **found indoors**. Watch for ants that may enter buildings through small cracks and openings.

Protect yourself:

- Wear gloves, long sleeved shirts, long pants, socks and shoes when working outdoors.

Treat stings:

- **Brush fire ants away** from skin and **wash the bite(s)** with warm water and soap.
- **Minor stings** can be treated with over-the-counter products that relieve pain and prevent infection.
- **More severe stings** and allergic reactions are serious. Seek medical attention immediately.

Protect your family. Protect yourself. Avoid fire ants!