

# Factsheet for fire ant training

National Red Imported Fire Ant Eradication Program

As part of the National Red Imported Fire Ant Eradication Program, Biosecurity Queensland conducts training sessions for individuals and businesses that operate within the fire ant restricted area and deal with the following materials:

- soil (includes: fill, clay, overburden, scrapings, topsoil, decomposed granite (deco), potting media and any other material from the ground)
- mulch
- manure
- bark
- hay
- pot plants
- potting media
- turf
- sleepers/logs
- gravels
- poultry litter.

It is everyone's responsibility to stop the spread of red imported fire ants, which threaten our lifestyle, economy and environment.

By participating in this training you will acquire an awareness of the importance of the eradication program and movement control requirements. You will also be encouraged to work in partnership with Biosecurity Queensland to minimise the risk of spreading fire ants without interrupting your business activities.

Attending the session will enable you to confidently identify fire ants and their nests.

## Who can do the training?

The 90 minute training session is designed for businesses and government bodies on Approved Risk Management Plans (ARMPs). Contractors and other suppliers working within the Restricted Area will also be required to attend training to fulfil the requirements of their ARMP. Fire ant training is also suitable for groundskeepers and anyone wishing to become a fire ant volunteer ranger.



## Course Content

- Fire ant identification and reporting
- impacts of fire ants
- the fire ant eradication program
- the Restricted Area and Movement controls
- how you can assist, and
- participants view live fire ants.

## Session details

**Cost:** No charge

**Venue:** Biosecurity Queensland Control Centre, 53 Seventeen Mile Rocks Road, Oxley

**Date:** Sessions are held fortnightly on Mondays

**Time:** 9 am – 10.30 am

(Subject to change during public holidays).

## Bookings

Bookings are necessary, as sessions are limited to a maximum of 50 people. Interested parties should contact Community Engagement on 3310 2873 or email [fireants@daff.qld.gov.au](mailto:fireants@daff.qld.gov.au)

External sessions can be booked free of charge if there are 20 or more people to attend the training.

## Further information

Further information can be obtained by calling Biosecurity Queensland on **13 25 23** or visit our website [www.daff.qld.gov.au/fireants](http://www.daff.qld.gov.au/fireants).