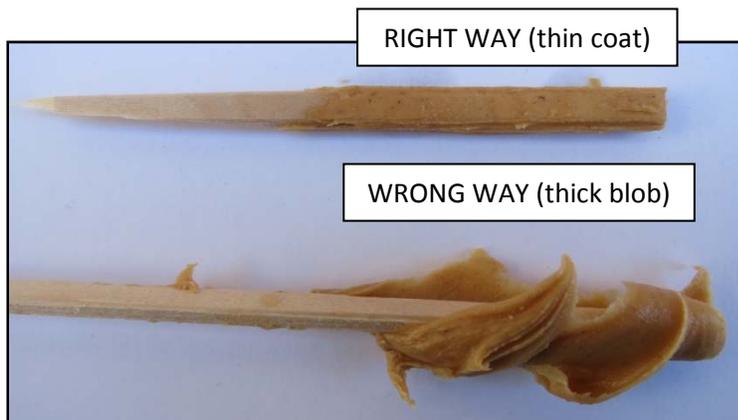


## Surveying for the Little Fire Ant

If you suspect you may have Little Fire Ants (LFA, *Wasmannia auropunctata*), please perform the following to help us determine if you do.

1. Smear a *thin* coat of peanut butter on one end of a disposable chopstick (you may wish to break the chopsticks in half to create more samples) or popsicle stick. A thick blob is not more attractive to the ants, and may make identification difficult/impossible.



2. If you have purchased hapuu (either live plants or cut logs) or other nursery plants, be sure to place at least 3 sticks on each log or in each pot.



If you have not purchased any suspected infested plants, but believe you may have LFA, place the peanut buttered sticks in the shade where you have seen/been stung by suspect ants, or by/in trees, plants and landscaped areas. Place sticks two feet away from each other, and place at least 10 sticks around a suspected infested area. Leave the sticks for an hour.



3. Carefully pick up the sticks (so the ants don't fall off) and place them in a sealable plastic bag.



4. Write your name, the date, and a contact phone number on the bag and freeze for at least 24 hours to kill the ants. An address is also helpful, but not required.



5. Mail or drop off the sample to:

Hawaii Department of Agriculture  
Plant Pest Control Branch  
1428 South King Street  
Honolulu, HI 96814

**Please DO NOT mail or drop-off live ants.**

Please do not move any plants you think may be infested.

Please do not collect ants on tape. This makes identification very difficult, and sometimes impossible.

For more information including management of LFA, visit the Hawaii Ant Lab website:

**[www.littlefireants.com](http://www.littlefireants.com)**

