

## LFA on Oahu Response Update



May 5 – 19, 2014

- On May 14-15, crews from the Hawaii Ant Lab, the Hawaii Department of Agriculture, and the Oahu Invasive Species Committee initiated the first treatment of the Waimanalo site.
- Over the next 12 months, 8 treatments, including a tree-applied gel bait which is an insect growth regulator and interferes with the queens ability to lay viable eggs, followed one week later by a granular bait which will kill the workers, will be applied to the infestation. This order of treatment is critical to inhibit the queen's reproduction before killing the workers with the granular bait.
- On Friday May 9, The LFA ICS Outreach Group provided LFA curriculum in partnership with the Hui Malama o Ke Kai afterschool program in Waimanalo reaching youth ages 7-teens. The LFA program provided an overview of LFA and training for a survey activity. The students will implement surveys for LFA at their homes over Memorial Day weekend and the LFA ICS Outreach Group will be back with them on Tuesday May 27 to collect survey logs and ant samples.
- The LFA ICS Outreach Group presented information on LFA and its current status on Oahu to the Waimanalo Neighborhood Board on Monday May 12. The key message is that it is critical for all stakeholders to survey their properties. [Click here](#) for a link to the quick and easy survey guidelines and survey today.
- **Little fact about Little Fire Ants:** LFA really are little! All workers are about 1.5 mm in length. This is about half the size of a sesame seed, or as long as a penny is thick.