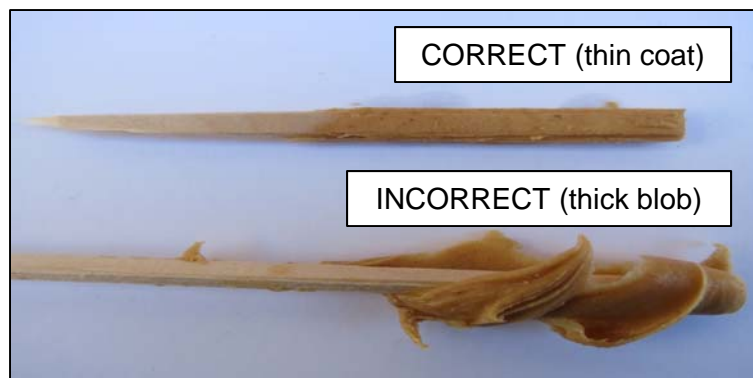


# Surveying for the Little Fire Ant (LFA)

## *Wasmannia auropunctata*

If you suspect you have little fire ants, please perform the following survey to help us determine if you do.

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



2. Place peanut-buttered sticks in, around, and on plants, including potted plants, where you have seen or been stung by ants. At least three sticks per plant, and/or one stick every two feet is recommended. Leave the sticks for an hour.



3. After an hour, carefully pick up the sticks (so the ants don't fall off!), and place them in a sealable plastic bag. Write your name, the date and a contact number on the bag, and freeze for at least 24 hours to kill the ants. An address is helpful, but not required.



4. 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 live ants.**

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

Please do not collect ants on tape.

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

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