

**Here is our recommended method for fire ant control. We have all the ingredients in the shed.**

Both soap and d-limonene, found in orange oil, kill fire ants on contact, according to research conducted by the Texas Cooperative Extension. But the best fire ant killer contains both orange oil and soap -- either horticultural soap or Dawn liquid dishwashing soap. Mix 1.5 ounces of orange oil and 3 ounces of the Dawn into 1 gallon of water. Apply as a mound drench during early morning or late afternoon hours of the day, which is when the fire ants are most likely to be home. This treatment will be effective for 12-14 days. If the fire ants persist, or new mounds appear, you will have to reapply.