

# Ants in your what?

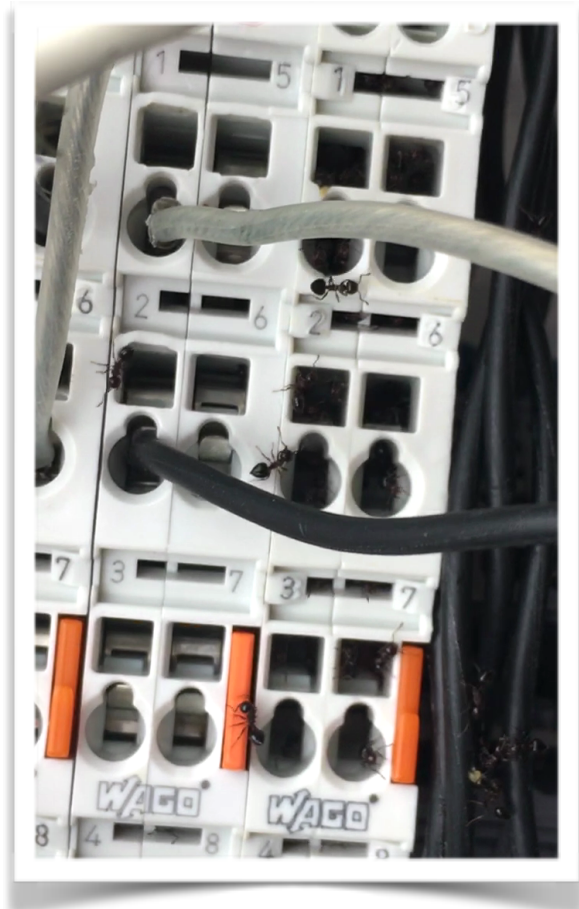


We've all heard about "ants in your pants" How about "ants in your RTU?" Both can shake things up!

On a recent service call for what seemed to be a failing modem, our technician discovered the real culprit- an infestation of ants. Somehow, the pesky critters gained entrance to the panel. (We suspect they entered through cracks in dried-out sealant used on the conduit connectors or a dried-out panel door seal.) Once the ants gained entry they had free rein to wander through PLC components disrupting reliable operations as they traveled. Fortunately, the repair was simple. But as the old saying goes, "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure."

So here are a few ounces of prevention to keep ants from shaking up your treatment operations.

- Periodically inspect your RTU enclosures for infestations, cracks and openings. Repair or replace as necessary.
- Inspect the door seals for dry-rot and replace if necessary.
- Inspect all electrical conduit connectors for gaps and dried sealant.
- Tighten loose fitting conduit connectors and replace dried sealant. Duct sealant can dry out over time. Consider silicone sealer as it does not dry out.
- If an infestation is discovered, remove the pests and treat accordingly.



And of course if you need to replace an enclosure or panel, click for an [@nocharge consultation](#).