



## HOA tool set manual



Our *HOA tool set* includes everything you will need for ant farm maintenance.

### material list:

- PTFE “slip oil”, 15 ml and foam brush (escape prevention)
- water sprayer
- honey syringe
- water pipette
- spoon
- tweezers
- small, medium and large brushes

### the PTFE “slip oil” and foam brush

... will be used after the ant farm is fully equipped and cleaned and before the ants move in. Shake the bottle and moisten the front end of the foam (using only a few drops). Paint an approximately 2 cm (4 cm at the backside) consistent line on the inside top of the container’s wall. The oil contains PTFE (Polytetrafluoroethylene / Teflon), normally used as a dry lubricant. The oil will disappear and leaves a thin PTFE layer (PTFE dry lube) after a while (milky-white smear). This is the second escape prevention barrier along with the lid. Renew this barrier every 6 months (or as necessary).

tip:

- Always close the bottle carefully after use. Otherwise, the oil will dry out (as it is supposed to).

cave:

- The liquid can irritate eyes if exposed, so keep out of reach of children and do not let young children use it!

### the water sprayer

...will be used to moisten the sand-clay-mixture while setting-up the farm and to moisturize the arena (upper open area of the farm) if needed.

### the honey syringe

...will be used to apply small amounts of honey.

tip:

- For a small colony or even a single ant queen I always feed honey in very small amounts to prevent the ants from drowning in it

### water pipette

...is used to fill the small water bowl for small colonies.

### the spoon, tweezers and the small, medium and large brushes

... can be used for everything that’s too fine, too icky or too dangerous for your fingers (e.g., grabbing the plate, placing fresh insects, taking out waste and arranging your ant farm, brushing eggs out of a tube, etc...).

cave:

- Never use the tweezers to grab your ants as you risk injuring or even killing them!