



Rodents

What are Rodents?

Rodents are animals that include mice and rats. Mice and rats are capable of carrying disease. They are also destructive to property.

Control and Prevention

1. Elimination of Harborage

- Remove tall grass and weeds
- Thin ground plants and trim overgrown bushes
- Elevate stored items, including wood piles, 18 inches off the ground and 12 inches from structures
- Seal space under storage buildings
- Remove abandoned vehicles, trash, junk and debris from the property
- Trim tree limbs that are overhanging the roof

2. Sanitation

- Store household garbage in rodent proof containers
- Store pet food in rodent proof containers
- Do not keep food in pet dishes overnight
- Gather up fallen fruit and nuts from the yard
- Remove vegetables and berries left to rot on the plant
- Repair plumbing leaks

3. Rodent Proofing - This is important to prevent rodents from entering your residence.

- Seal all holes under or around doors and windows. Mice can enter through openings as little as ¼ inch and rats can enter through ½ inch openings. Garage doors also need to be sealed properly
- Screen foundation and attic vents with heavy mesh or hardware cloth. Screen or cover any access to crawl spaces
- Cover any openings around pipes or conduits

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Additional Facts:

- Rodents gnaw on a variety of materials including plastic, aluminum and lead
- Mice feed 15-20 times a day
- Female mice give birth every three weeks
- Mice are good jumpers, climbers and swimmers. A mouse can jump a foot into the air
- Rodents can carry up to 200 human pathogens that cause disease



Extension Services Fact Sheets:

- House Mouse
http://entopl.okstate.edu/ipm/School_IPM/Pests/Mouse.pdf

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