



# TIPS FOR HOMEOWNERS ON RODENT PREVENTION



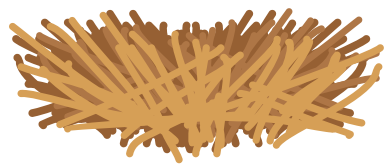
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## KNOW THE SIGNS OF RODENT INFESTATION



### 1 Droppings

Small dark pellets, as tiny as rice, are commonly discovered in cabinets, under sinks, and around openings in homes.



### 2 Nesting

House mice like to build a nest from shredded boxes, paper and wall insulation.

### 3 Rub marks

Rats follow set pathways near walls due to poor eyesight, leaving smudges and dark marks from grease and dirt on their bodies.



### 4 Bad smell

One indication of a rodent infestation is a strong musky odor in the house.



## HOW TO PREVENT RODENTS IN YOUR HOME



### 1 Seal any holes

Inspect inside and outside for gaps or holes, sealing any that are found, as mice can fit through very small openings the size of a quarter (1/4 inch or 6 millimeters).

### 2 Keep a clean house

Remember to clean kitchen and dining areas, including under the refrigerator and stove.

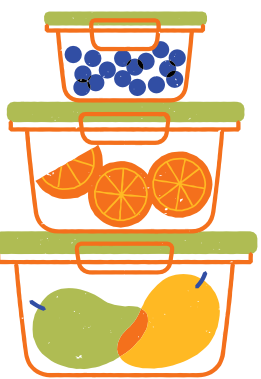
### 3 Tidy your yard



- Ensure grass, shrubs, and branches are trimmed
- Clean up fallen fruits, vegetables, bird seed, and pet waste.
- Remove garbage, leaf litter, standing water, and debris.

### 4 Seal and store food

- Keep food sealed in thick plastic, metal, or glass containers with tight lids.
- Clean up spilled food right away.
- Wash dishes and cooking utensils soon after use.
- Put pet food away after use. Do not leave food or water bowls out overnight.
- Keep inside garbage in thick plastic or metal containers with tight lids



## FOR MORE INFORMATION

*Call Pest Control*

Rodents are nasty pests that you don't want to have in your home. They can cause immense damage, resulting in costly repairs that no homeowner wants to deal with. Besides property damage, rodents can also be a severe risk to your health as they are vectors of many diseases. Call your local pest control.

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