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CLEANING UP AFTER A PEST PROBLEM



It's important to clean up dead cockroaches, droppings, and eggs.

Cockroaches

- **Clean up dead cockroaches, cockroach eggs, and droppings with soapy water and then wipe any surfaces where cockroaches have been.** Make sure to thoroughly clean any areas where you cook or store food.

Cockroach photo: Jack Kelly Clark, courtesy UC Statewide IPM Program

Pest problems aren't over once the pests are gone. Cleaning up the mess they leave helps make sure they stay away and can help protect your health. Dead pests, their droppings, and nesting material can attract more pests, carry germs, and trigger allergies and asthma.

Mice and Rats

- **Before cleaning up a rat or mouse nest, disinfect the nest and the area around it.** Use a disinfectant containing hydrogen peroxide to spray the nests and any droppings. Your building manager has disinfectants you can use.
- **Wear rubber gloves and a dust mask to clean up all droppings and nesting materials.** Use paper towels or rags you can throw out. Place nests, droppings, and cleanup materials in a plastic bag, seal it, and toss in the building's trash.
- **Wash any surface where rodents have been with soapy water** to get rid of food residue, pest saliva, droppings, and urine, and then wipe the surface with a disinfectant containing hydrogen peroxide.



For more information on managing pests, go to
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