

RATS and MICE



Rats and mice can bring fleas, ticks, and germs that carry diseases into your home, and can trigger allergies and asthma. Rats and mice can get into your food, cause damage, and can even start fires by chewing on electrical wires in your walls.

Keeping rats and mice away

Rats and mice come in to find food, water, and a place to live and hide. Check the **Keeping Pests Out of Your Home** card to find out how make sure your home is not a good place for rats or mice.

Cleaning up after rodents are gone

Rats and mice will leave nest materials, droppings, crumbs and dirt behind. Check the **Cleaning Up After a Pest Problem** card for information about cleaning up after they're gone.

Getting rid of rats and mice

Your building manager needs to know if you see rats or mice in or near your home!

- Management/maintenance or a pest control professional should set traps, and come back to check them and remove dead animals.
- Your manager should close up gaps and holes rodents use to get into your home.
- If rats or mice come back, let your building manager know right away!

If you need to get rid of trapped rodents yourself, put the trap and the dead animal in a plastic bag, seal it, and put it in the building dumpster immediately. Wear rubber gloves or work gloves when you touch traps, and wear a dust mask if you have asthma.

Tell your building manager if you think you have rats, mice, or any other pest. Do not use any poisons or try to get rid of rodents yourself. Rodent baits are dangerous for kids, pets, and wildlife too.



For more information on managing pests, go to www.ourwaterourworld.org/FactSheets.aspx



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