

CLEANING UP RODENT DROPPINGS & URINE

- Open windows for fresh air.
- Wear gloves. If a large amount of droppings and urine are present, wear a N-95 respirator mask.
- Spray the droppings and urine with a disinfectant or bleach solution (1 part bleach per 10 parts water)
- Wipe up with paper towels. Throw the towels into the trash.
- Spray the disinfectant or bleach solution on to the surface and wipe or mop



DISEASES CARRIED BY RATS

TYPHUS
PLAGUE
LEPTOSPIROSIS
SALMONELLA
RAT-BITE FEVER
HANTAVIRUS (Deer Mice)

Rodent droppings, urine and hair can cause asthma or make it worse.

RODENT/TRASH/WEED PROBLEMS CONTACT:

RATS / MICE/TRASH
Fort Wayne-Allen County Dept. of Health
(260) 449-7459

TRASH IN FORT WAYNE
311 or 427-8311

TRASH/WEEDS IN NEW HAVEN
Code Enforcement
(260) 748-7061

WEEDS IN FORT WAYNE
Neighborhood Code Enforcement
311 or 427-8311

WEEDS IN ALLEN COUNTY
Call your Township Trustee or
Allen County Building Department
(260) 449-7131



RATS & MICE: Invaders of Our Homes



HOW TO PREVENT AN INFESTATION

THE NORWAY RAT

- Larger than the roof rat
- Blunt nose
- Tail is shorter than the head and body combined
- Main color is gray with white underbelly, but can be black, white or brown
- Lifespan is about a year
- Norway rats reside in Allen County



THE HOUSE MOUSE

- Length of body is 4 inches
- Tail is 4 inches long
- Color of fur is black, white or brown, with no fur on ears and tail
- Lifespan is about a year
- Mice fear rats, so you may have one or the other; not both

SIGNS OF INFESTATION

- Droppings and urine trails left wherever they travel, especially in corners
 - Rat droppings look like little footballs
 - Mouse droppings look like pieces of rice
- Dark smears and rub marks on base boards
- Footprints and tail drags in dusty areas
- Distinctive, musky odor
- House pets may become agitated
- Small holes in ground near house foundation and under sheds, trash can holders, and doghouses
- Garbage bags ripped open and trash everywhere
- Gnaw marks on wooden surfaces or boxes of food



HOW TO ELIMINATE RATS/MICE

- Pick up trash in your yard
- Seal any holes or cracks into house
- Put trash into metal containers with tight-fitting lids
- Pick up after your dog
- Do not feed the bird
- Place woodpiles 18 inches off the ground
- Do not leave dog food and water outside unattended
- Pick up branches and brush from your yard
- Properly dispose of tires
- Use snap or glue traps on the inside of the house
- **RODENT-PROOF YOUR HOUSE**

WHAT RATS/MICE EAT

- Discarded food
- Fruits, vegetables
- Grain
- Dog and cat food
- Dog and cat feces