

RODENT CONTROL



“To provide an **environmentally focused** pest management service that exceeds customers' expectations”



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RODENTS IN OUR ENVIRONMENT

If you are experiencing noises under your floor or in your ceiling it is likely you have a family of rats inhabiting your home. These noises are from rats and mice chewing and gnawing on materials in your roof such as ceiling timbers and electrical wiring. Rodents are very destructive and can cause electrical fires and are capable of contaminating food related products which general household insurance does not cover. Introduced species of rats and mice have thrived in the Australian climate. When conditions are favourable their numbers can be increased to plague levels. They are notorious for the transmission of diseases, such as the Bubonic plague, Typhus Fever, and Salmonella. During winter time rats and mice will move indoors looking for food and shelter, constructing their nests in wall cavities roof voids and under floors. Certain species will burrow in areas such as aviaries, sheds and rubbish tips. These pest species forage for food at night and are rarely seen.

INTERESTING FACTS ON RODENTS

A female rat is capable of giving birth to four to six litters per year, each containing five to ten young. These young are capable of reproducing within three months after birth. In one year a pair of rodents can produce a population of 400 to 700. Rodents consume ten per cent of their body weight each day, with the average rat eating about 30 grams a day. **An infestation of only five rats can produce approximately 73,000 droppings and 27 litres of urine a year.**

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An important part of our rodent control program is an assessment to determine the level of infestation. This assessment includes an inspection of your home and the surrounding areas. Our technician will then carefully select and place baits most suitable to the situation. The selection is determined by the level of infestation and whether there are pets or children residing at the home to ensure all necessary precautions are taken. Depending on the species of rodents, it may be necessary to install tamper resistant stations around the external areas of the property. These stations are designed to minimise the likelihood of pets and children coming into contact with baits.

HOW TO MAXIMISE YOUR TREATMENT

Remove any existing, accessible rodent food sources such as food scraps, pet food (including bird seed) and fallen fruit from trees. It may be necessary to place loose food within pantries

and cupboards in containers. Remove any unnecessary stored items and foliage around the home to minimise rodent nesting points. Cut back overhanging foliage or bridging points, within reason, to your home to lessen their access to roof voids. We recommend a treatment be carried out on an annual basis or more frequently in rodent prone areas. A reminder will be sent out to you as a part of our service. By following the above points your home will be less favourable to rats and mice and your rodent control program will be maximised.

PRECAUTIONS AFTER THE TREATMENT

We take all precautions possible to ensure that baits placed around the internal and external of your home are secured within the stations. However it is possible for rodents to remove small amounts of the bait from the securing points within the stations as it's consumed. It's important to inspect around the baited areas for any loose bait, especially in situations where there are pets and children. All loose bait should be picked up immediately and disposed of. Our product selection is designed to cause little, if any, secondary poisoning effects to off target species such as birds and other animals. We recommend that any baited rodents are disposed of for health and safety reasons.

WHAT TO EXPECT AFTER YOUR TREATMENT

Rodents are very wary creatures and it may take up to 12 days for them to accept the newly laid bait. It can also take a further 6-10 days for the bait, once accepted, to take effect on the rodents. You should expect the program to be fully effective in approximately 4 weeks.

You may hear occasional scratching or gnawing some months after the program. This is due to an individual rodent re-infesting the area. We would expect them to be eliminated within a few days from remaining bait.

The rodents will become thirsty after consuming the bait and in most instances will move outside looking for water and generally die outside. As this is not always the case we do not give any guarantees that this will happen. If you experience any unpleasant odours in your home we offer a service where we attempt to remove the source of the smell. Please note this will incur an extra cost.

For further information and pricing on our Rodent Treatments please contact our office on 8354 0470 or discuss with our Technician at the time of service.



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