

DEH Rodent Control Services

The Department of Environmental Health (DEH) through its District Sanitation Unit provides guidance and assistance in the area of rodent control.

DEH offers free rodent control services (baiting) to all public buildings and property owners of private homes.



However, apartments and Condos, as well as commercial businesses are required to use the service of a pest control company.

If you suspect the presence of rodents on your property or wish to file a complaint, Please dial 949-6696 or email us at dehcustomerservice@gov.ky

Report any rodent signs in your area to the DEH and keep your area clean.

Did you Know that...

The most common rats found in the Cayman Islands are the Brown Rat, Roof Rat and House Mouse. These are easily identified by their colours.



- The **Brown rat** is brown in colour with a white abdomen
- The **Roof rat** is blackish grey in colour with a white abdomen
- The **House mouse** is brownish grey with a brownish-grey abdomen



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Signs of Rat Infestation



Guidelines for Identification

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Pathway or Burrows

These are holes which are mostly found under buildings, or in areas of soft or sandy soil. These underground nests usually consist of food storage areas and living spaces close to their food and water source.



Tracks and Smears

You may be able to determine a rodent's entrance and exit points by following these marks:

- Tiny footprints or lines from tails dragging will appear in dusty areas.
- Greasy smears along baseboards or the bottoms of walls may indicate the presence of rodents. Check along baseboards, in corners and near sources of food. Rats and mice tend to stick near walls and borders when moving.



Droppings

Droppings may be found along runways, near shelters, or other places rats frequent. Fresh droppings are soft in texture.



Brown Rat

Roof Rat

Mouse

Chew or Bite Marks

Since their teeth never stop growing, both mice and rats are avid chewers.

Check along baseboards, door frames, doors, inside cabinets and anything that serves as a barrier to get behind walls.

If you're hearing noises inside your walls, check the back panels of cabinets to try to find the rodent's access point.



How to prevent Rat Infestations

- Keep your property clean
- Store garbage in sturdy garbage bags in covered containers until it is collected by DEH Solid Waste Team
- Remove all old appliances, derelict vehicles, unused zinc and boards in your yard and dispose of them properly at the landfill
- Cut down heavy overgrown vegetation around your yard
- Demolish all dilapidated structures
- Rodent-proof your home by:
 - Having tight-fitting doors
 - Use metal collars around coconut and fruit tree trunks
 - Repair all holes in floors and walls
 - Remove all overhanging branches located within close proximity to your home