

## Rodent Information Sheet

- **The Common House Mouse**

House Mice are gray or brown, small and slender, weighing 20-30 grams with relatively large ears and small eyes. They have short hair and a light belly. The normal gait is a run with a stride of about 4.5 cm (1.8 in), though they can jump up to 45 cm (18 in). The voice is a high-pitched squeak



### **The Norway Rat**

**The Norway Rat** is a rather large member of the mouse family. The nose is blunt and the ears are small. They are about 13 to 18 inches long including the 6 to 8 1/2 inch tail and weight about 11 ounces. Their fur is coarse and mostly brown with scattered black on the upper surfaces. The underside is typically grey to yellowish-white.

- **The Roof Rat - (Black Rat)**

**Roof Rat or Black Rat** is a blackish or brownish, medium-sized, slender rat with long, naked, scaly tail; usually longer than head and body. A typical Roof Rat will be 15-20 cm (5.9 to 7.9 in) long with a further 20 cm (7.9 in) of tail. They are good at climbing, running and jumping but are poor swimmers. It is nocturnal and omnivorous, with a preference for grains and fruit. Roof rats frequently enter buildings from the roof or accesses near utility lines and hanging tree branches on the roof, support structural infestation.

### **About Mice & Rats**

**Rats and mice** can be harmful to humans. With the droppings, urine and hairs, rats have the practice of contaminating everything they come across. What is more dangerous is that the rodents carry a wide range of diseases and parasites that are harmful to humans and animals.

During the colder months rodents will make their way into your homes, and make it their home. Often leaving behind droppings, holes, and even damaged insulation. All of these types of rodents are nocturnal, so you may hear them chewing, scratching or gnawing in your walls at night. Mice and rats are found in all types of buildings.

In a residential home, you may find mice, rats or their droppings (which are black in colour) underneath kitchen or bathroom sinks, along baseboards behind major appliances, in the crawlspace or attic.

## **RODENT PREVENTATIVE INSTRUCTIONS**

Please review the following four instructions to help control the rodent situation in your home:

1. Any garbage cans that do not have lids on them should be replaced with ones that have sealable lids. Rodents have a keen sense of smell, and having garbage cans that are open (especially under the kitchen sink) will attract rodents into your suite. We need you to replace these immediately.
2. Also, when your garbage is full, do not leave it stored outside your unit. Bring it immediately to the garbage dumpster. Leaving garbage outside your unit not only attracts rodents, but also wildlife and insects.
3. Do not leave uneaten pet food on the floors or counters of your home. Once your pet has finished eating, remove all leftover food. Do not leave it on the floor or counters.
4. Do not store food on the floors, such as fruits, vegetables or bags of flour. These foods should be stored in rodent proof bins on shelves or in the refrigerator.

These points apply to all units, even if you do not have an existing rodent problem. We thank you for your cooperation.