



# Pest Control

Rodents must have adequate food and shelter in order to live and thrive. Removal of these 2 factors is the best way to prevent and control rodent problems. It is important to include both the outside and inside of your home in your sanitation efforts.

## Indoor Sanitation

### **Food**

- Clean areas under stoves, refrigerators and dishwashers; make sure there are no crumbs or grease
- Keep counter tops clear of food and wash everyday
- Do not leave glasses of water out overnight
- Don't leave dirty items in the sink overnight
- Store dry food, pet food and birdseed in sealed containers; do not leave overnight in bowls
- Clean pet bowls at night.

### **Shelter**

- Keep storage areas free of clutter
- Keep closets and cabinets organized
- Rodent-Proof hard-to-access areas that tend to be neglected
  - Basement windows
  - Stone foundations
- Store supplies or materials off the floor
- Install door sweeps on all doors

### Exterior

- Keep grass and weeds cut
- Do not store wood or debris against house
- Make sure all cracks and openings are sealed around foundation
- Keep lids on all trash containers and recycling bins

