



# Tips for Pest Management



## Rodent Management Facts

### ☞ Rodents Cause Numerous Problems...

- ▶ Are responsible for spread of a number of diseases, either directly, as by contamination of human food with their urine or feces, or indirectly by way of fleas and mites. The more common rodent-borne diseases are rat-bite fever, leptospirosis, salmonellosis, trichinosis, murine typhus fever, and plague. Rickettsial pox is transmitted from the house mouse to man by the bite of the mouse mite.
- ▶ Consume or contaminate about 20% of the world's food supply.
- ▶ Carry fleas, ticks and other ectoparasites, which potentially spread diseases, into buildings.
- ▶ Gnaw, causing expensive structural damage. They also can start fires if they gnaw on electrical wires.
- ▶ Cause a great deal of anxiety for occupants of infested buildings.

### ☞ Mice can enter through a 1/4" opening! About the size of the diameter of a pencil.

### ☞ Mice indoors have up to 8 litters and breed throughout the year. A single female may live 1-2 years and produce up to 56 offspring annually!!

### ☞ Over a 6-month period, a pair of mice will eat about 4 pounds of food and produce about 18,000 droppings (about 50 droppings per day)

### ☞ Rodents prefer grain and seeds.

## Controlling Rodents

- ▶ Patch openings in walls larger than 3/8" using gnaw-proof materials such as steel sheeting, 1/4" hardware cloth, galvanized steel and concrete.
- ▶ Holes may be patched with steel wool prior to patching.
- ▶ An aerosol foam spray may then be used to seal remaining cracks.
- ▶ Close outside doors tightly when not in use.
- ▶ Eliminate debris in and around buildings and grounds.
- ▶ Trim weeds and brush and keep grass short.
- ▶ Clean up food waste and spillage daily.
- ▶ Store food 12" - 15" off the floor and 11" - 18" away from the wall for easy inspection and sanitation.
- ▶ Use rodent-proof containers when possible.
- ▶ Between storage areas, allow 24" aisles for easier inspection and sanitation.
- ▶ Screen dumpster drainage holes with hardware cloth.
- ▶ Eliminate water sources available to rodents.

**Batzner Pest Management is dedicated to maintaining a safe, pest-free environment for our customers. If pest activity is discovered, we will take immediate steps to correct the situation. Give us a call.**

***"You can rely on Batzner Pest Management to provide continuous pest protection."***

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