



# Home, Health & Safety

## NEWS YOU CAN USE

## Rodents



### Fun Fact:

Rodentia is an order of mammals also known as rodents, characterized by two continuously growing incisors in the upper and lower jaws which must be kept short by gnawing.

### Have You Noticed...

Noises (bumping, scratching or scurrying) sounds originating from wall voids or over head in ceilings or the attic. Are you seeing rodent (rat or mouse) fecal droppings in areas where rodents are active (under sinks, in garages, in connective breezeways, in attic spaces)? Have you noticed gnawing on packing materials or boxes where you store food or personal belongings?

### It's That Time of the Year...

Rodents are typically event driven. Weather events, over population and construction events tend to encourage rodent movement from one area to another. Once on the move they tend to be opportunistic taking up residence in the first place offering them food, water, and shelter (under a deck for example). Rodents may find and feed on foods in bird feeders, squirrel feeders, hummingbird feeders or chew right through your plastic garbage can bottom to get to the trash inside.

### Frequently Asked Questions:

#### How severe is the activity?

- This can only be determined by a thorough inspection and analysis of your property by a certified HPM professional.

#### How did it get into my home or office(s)?

- Rodents are resourceful; they will find very small openings and gnaw their way through. Openings include but are not limited to exterior air conditioning system lines, garage breezeways, weep holes, roof ties just to name a few. Visit us on the web at [www.bugshpm.com](http://www.bugshpm.com) and see examples of these points of animal entry.

#### Can Houston Pest Management eliminate the rodent activity and stop them from coming back?

- Yes! **First**, reduce the attractiveness of your property to rodents by following recommended HPM property conducive condition reduction protocols. **Second**, stop rodents from gaining access to your home or workplace. Our skilled craftsman use fabricated metals, Heartland dryer vents other materials to seal up all rodent accessible point of entry openings. **Third**, deploy non-poisonous exterior controls to stop the rodent(s) before it or they get to close to your house. And finally, maintain regular inspections to ensure no future surprises. Your rodent management is guaranteed as long as you remain an HPM client.



### Retro Fit Weep Hole Stuffer



We prefer to install the Tamlyn Retrofit weep hole stuffer. Tamlyn quality and assured function, limits access to your living space to family and friends with "NO" unwanted surprise guests.

