



# Pest Control

## Solving The Pest Problem

(NAPSA)—There are ways to keep mice out of your home. That's good news because one pair of mice can produce 15,000 descendants in one year. Consider that possibility the next time you suspect you have a furry creature in your home. And it doesn't matter if you live in a new home, old home, apartment or mansion—mice and rats don't discriminate—they will seek shelter anywhere, by any means possible. They will even swim in through your toilet.

The next time you hear scampering sounds late at night, find gnaw marks on your box of cereal or droppings on your kitchen counter, it's safe to say you may have unwanted house guests.

Rats and mice can carry disease and wreak havoc on your home. Early detection and prompt action are critical to preventing a major infestation. Home improvement expert Lou Manfredini, aka Mr. Fix-It, offers the following tips on ways to keep rodents out of the home:

- Never leave food or water out overnight, even for your pets. And if your pets do their business in the backyard, make sure to pick up after them on a daily basis. As gross as it may sound, pet feces is a food source for rats and mice.

- Mice can squeeze through spaces as small as a dime! Be sure to inspect your home and seal up all potential entrances with steel wool, sheet metal or cement.

- Be proactive and keep a supply of d-CON® Rodenticides on hand. Regular baiting and trap-



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ping helps deter rodents. Consumers who squirm at the thought of removing a dead rodent should choose the newest d-CON trap, No View, No Touch™, that kills the mouse and keeps it concealed in the trap for a clean and easy disposal.

- Clean up with bleach. Bleach is a great antiseptic that can kill the bacteria that rodents may have left behind. Mix one part bleach to 10 parts water and wipe down your kitchen counters, cabinets and drawers.

- Cold weather means cozy fires in the fireplace. Keep piles of firewood away from the foundation of your home and trim all bushes and trees that are next to the house to prevent rodents from nesting in these areas.

For more information on rodent prevention, or for a free brochure, call d-CON Rodenticides at 1-800-395-3266.