

HINTS FOR HOMEOWNERS

Tips For Having A Mouse-Free House

(NAPSA)—A mouse in the house is no small matter. A single pair of mice can generate over 15,000 descendants in one year. Fortunately, they can be controlled and eliminated. According to Tom Krauetler, Home Improvement expert for d-CON® Rodenticides, the key is early detection and prompt action. The following are some tell-tale signs to look for when rodents have invaded your home:

- Rodent droppings in undisturbed areas such as storage, attics, garages, under baseboards and along walls.

- Gnaw marks on packaged goods, cardboard and areas around pipes and vents.

- Listen for scampering or gnawing sounds late at night from the attic, basement, behind walls or other undisturbed areas of the home.

- Take notice if your dog or cat paws excitedly at a kitchen cabinet, the base of your refrigerator, or a wall.

Remember, a clean home is a rodent-free zone. Make sure you wash dishes and cooking utensils immediately after use and don't leave food or water out overnight.

No Nesting Here

Stacks of newspapers, cardboard boxes, firewood, lumber or other storage encourages rodent nesting. It's a good idea to keep all storage off the ground or floor inside and outside your home.

Batten Down The Hatches

- Mice can squeeze through spaces as small as a dime.

- Seal up potential entrances



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with sheet metal, steel wool or cement.

- Pay particular attention to the spaces around pipes, vents and ducts.

Even if rodents have not yet invaded your home as a winter residence, it's important that you be proactive and prepared with baits and traps on hand, such as those made by d-CON Rodenticides. These are safe and highly effective when used in accordance with label directions.

For homes with children and pets, d-CON Rodenticides offers an affordable lockable container called a Protected Bait Station, where the poison is secured inside a sturdy plastic housing that has holes small enough for only a mouse to enter.

More information on rodent control is available by calling 1-800-228-4722.