

RAT PREVENTION TIPS

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What the NYC Dept Of Health (DOH, DOHMH) looks for...

- Adequate garbage cans (covered). Means no bags on floor. No excuses! They expect enough cans to store 72-hours worth of trash.
- Rat Droppings. Must be removed DAILY. Schedule it. Inside, outside, everywhere on your property.
- Damaged sidewalk or curb where garbage placed outside for sanitation pick up. Landlord responsibility even for curb in regards to Ratburrows.
- Holes in foundation walls (exterior) and sidewalks.
- Trampled foliage forming pathways from Rats along building foundation.
- Rub/Smudge marks (body oils from Rat/Mice skin). Ratburrows anywhere on property, even the curb. Especially in earthen spaces. *Anywhere!*
- Gnaw marks on wood or wires.
- Exposed or improperly placed rodenticides (poison). Anything not in Bait Stations.
- They open Bait Stations to study what methods being used, to check if adequate and accurate etc.

Designing a Pest Management Plan for property owners/managers...

- Establish roles (who will do what).
- Inspect outside for droppings/burrows.
- Educate residents.
- Clean garbage areas daily, manage trash properly,
- Plug up holes, Seal up cracks, vents.

- Screen windows and Seal doors.
- Work with a pest professional to apply pesticides.

Where to inspect...

- Common areas.
- Entry ways.
- Basement.
- Dumpster. Yards/Green spaces/Planters. Trash Chutes.
- Compactor Room.
- Anywhere there has been a complaint.

Treatment Schedules...

- For a severe rodent infestation, 4-6 weekly visits are required.
- Pest professional should inspect entire area of infestation on every visit.
- Return visits are for monitoring knockdown.
- Pest professional should install Tamper-Resistant bait stations in areas of infestation.
- In areas with active rat burrows, these should be treated on a weekly basis until all are inactive.