

Rat Awareness and Prevention Guide

Rodents pose a serious threat to any property, and the longer they go undetected, the greater the risk. Early detection and prevention are key to protecting your environment and preventing costly damage.



Signs of Rats



Scratching or scurrying in walls, lofts, or floorboards at night



Fresh chew marks on wood, plastic pipes, or wiring



A strong, stale, ammonia-like smell



Dark brown, spindle shaped droppings



Dark, greasy rub marks along walls and skirting boards

Best Practices to Prevent Rats



Sealing entry points can help prevent rats from entering a building



Store food in containers or in sealed plastic bags



Clean all garbage and spills immediately



Clean food debris from under refrigerators or ovens



Fix leaking pipes and cover water butts to eliminate drinking sources



Keep outdoor rubbish bins tightly sealed



Key Information

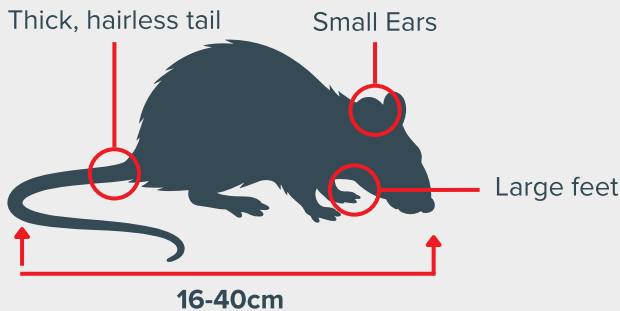
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Rats

Living Habits

Black rats build their nest high up.
Brown rats like to be close to the ground.



Breeding

5-10 pups per litter



3-6 litters per year



Time to maturity: 10-12 weeks



Droppings

Shape:
Spindle

40 droppings
per day

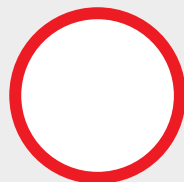


Eating Habits

15-30g of
food per day



Drinks between
15-60ml per day



RATS

have a collapsible skeleton. A fully grown rat can squeeze through a **24MM hole**

Did You Know?



Rats have excellent memory. Once they find a reliable food source, they'll keep coming back



Rats have a "biological compass" for food and can smell snacks from over a mile away



Rats can jump up to three feet vertically

Call the Experts if you think you have a problem with rats

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