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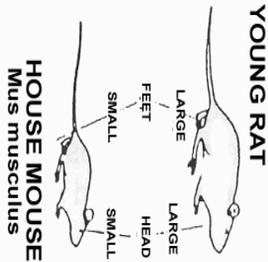
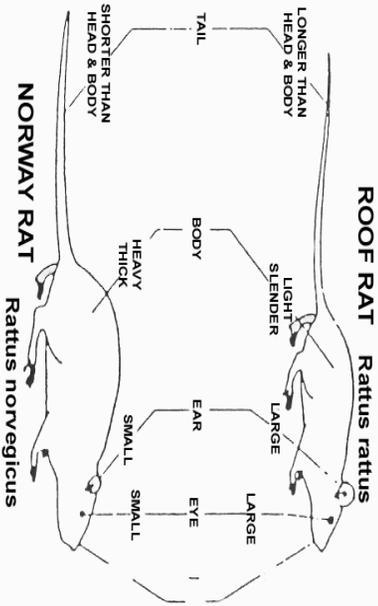
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RATS AND MICE

GET THEM OUT OF
YOUR HOUSE AND
YARD!

FIELD IDENTIFICATION DOMESTIC RODENTS



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WHAT HARM DO RATS AND MICE DO?

- Leave droppings
- Gnaw through electrical wires.
- Carry diseases.
- Create a mess by searching for food in open garbage cans, dumpsters, sewers and garbage piles.

DO YOU HAVE RATS OR MICE?

Look for:

Droppings: Mice droppings are about the size of rice grains. Rat droppings are larger.

Burrows: Check for burrows or holes in your yard. Look in weeded areas, along the house and near garbage cans or dumpsters.

Gnawing: Check your pantry for chewed packages. Check for shredded paper or holes with chewed edges.

GET RID OF RATS AND MICE

Rats and mice can breed fast. Each litter can produce up to 10 young; therefore, you must keep working to get rid of them. In order to help eliminate rodents you must:

Take away their food: Keep garbage in tightly covered cans. Do not leave dog or cat food rats and mice eat it.

Destroy their homes: Remove trash, old boards, weeds and junk cars from your yard. Store wood and other materials at least 18 inches above the ground.

Close their holes and entryways: Keep doors closed and windows screened. Keep floor drains secured. Cement or caulk around pipes where they pass through walls. Seal small holes and cracks by filling them with steel wool, then caulk over them.

Traps: Use traps inside the house. You should never place poison bait inside the house. Poisoned rats and mice will die inside walls and attics and cause terrible odors. Use plenty of traps in a room. Put them along the wall, in cupboards and drawers and other places where mice might run. Rodents like to run along a wall. Set traps with the bait treadle across his running path at a right angle to the wall. Glue traps work well also.

Poison Baits: Use poison bait outside the house only if you can keep them away from children and pets. Poison baits are available at hardware stores, home centers, supermarkets, etc. The Fulton County Board of Health, Environmental Health Services Division will provide free bait and/or traps upon request to single family homeowners in Fulton County. Please call 404-613-1301 for this service.

Place 1-2 bait packs deep into each rat burrow, then a wadded sheet of

newspaper and then fill and cover the opening with soil. Always follow the instructions on the bait pack label and on the agreement form. Check each burrow daily. If the burrow is reopened by a rat, simply re-bait as above until the burrow remains closed, indicating that the rat has died in the burrow. The dead rat can remain in the unopened burrow. Never open poison bait packs. Do not use poison baits inside your home. Be aware that rats and mice can transmit diseases and that they can carry fleas, ticks and mites. Dispose of dead rodents properly using gloves.

ORGANIZE AGAINST RATS AND MICE!

Get together with you neighbors. Clean up several yards in the same area. Trap and poison neighborhood rodents at the same time. This way re-infestation from nearby rodents is less likely.

Remember to observe all directions, restrictions and precautions on pesticide labels. It is dangerous and illegal to do otherwise.