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THE PEST BULLETIN

## Pests Are Still Active

You would think that pest problems would be gone this time of year, but unfortunately, that is wishful thinking. Many pests can breed and multiply all winter indoors, thanks to central heating. Here are just a few pests that are problems during late fall and winter, and what to do about them.

**Christmas trees**—Various pests take up residence in Christmas trees, then become active when you bring them into a warm home. Shake trees well before you bring them indoors, or hose them down and let them drip dry before bringing them in.



**Holiday feasts**—Crumbs and spills attract all sorts of pests. Clean them up, place trash in containers with tight-fitting lids, and empty regularly. Leave dirty dishes and pans in a sink full of soapy water if you will not be cleaning them that night.

**Woolen items**—Clothes moths and carpet beetles attack wool clothing and anything else made of wool. Clean clothing is less likely to be attacked than worn or dirty clothing.

**Fall invaders becoming active**—pests that invade in late August and

September, like certain kinds of flies, stink bugs, and others, may "wake up" on warmer days and start falling out of cracks and crevices. Some of these can stain curtains and walls. Vacuum up small numbers.

Also watch for **ants** nesting indoors, pests coming from **firewood**, invading **rats and mice**, and **bed bugs** brought in from travels or overnight guests. Because of these and other pests, ongoing pest services are important in making your life healthier and better, and helping to protect your belongings.

## Thank You!

We want to say "Thank You!" We value your business and many referrals, and appreciate the opportunity to eliminate pest problems, protect your property, and make your lives healthier and happier.

We wish you Peace, Joy, & Prosperity throughout the New Year!

## Keep Rodents Out!

Rats and mice have been multiplying all year outdoors. They are fast breeders—in just 8 months, 24 mice can multiply into 2,000 mice! As the weather gets colder this time of year, rodents are searching for a better place to nest and feed. Your home looks mighty good to them, so it's wise to eliminate places where they may be coming in.



An adult mouse can get through a hole as small as a dime to get into your home. A young mouse can get through an even smaller hole—just over 1/4 inch in diameter. A young rat can get through an opening as small as a quarter. So eliminate all openings 1/4 inch and larger, and you just may prevent hordes of rodents from coming indoors.

One common way rodents get

indoors is through holes where pipes, TV, electrical, and phone lines pass through walls. They also come in through gaps around ventilation openings, clothes drier vents, and chimneys. Gaps under house and garage doors are common entry places. *Keep in mind that if you can fit a pencil under a door, a mouse can squeeze through that space.* They enter through cracks and openings in brick and cement foundations as well.

Seal all these gaps with caulking, cement, copper or steel wool, or metal plates. Check vent openings and replace any wire mesh that is broken.

If rats or mice do get indoors, or you see signs of them outdoors, call us to get rid of these and other bothersome, damaging, and unhealthy pests.



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What happened to all those  
tasty holiday treats?"**