

Rodent Control

Sandgate Pest Control Treatment:

Inspection:

This step is taken to determine the species, the extent and severity of the problem, the location of harbourages and areas of activity and assess appropriate control strategies.

Baiting and Trapping:

The Sandgate Pest Control technician will place baits discreetly out of sight (usually in a box) and in a location not accessible to pets or children.

There are a variety of traps available including curiosity traps, sticky boards and snap traps. The success of these relies on correct placement.

Proofing:

Keep them out! The main areas of entry are doors, overhanging branches, vents and penetrations for plumbing and electricals. The Sandgate Pest Control technician will give advice on removing potential rodent habitats and rodent-proofing whilst on-site.

Hygiene:

Mow the lawn, eliminate clutter, debris, rubbish and access to pet food (ideally use metal containers and take in at night). Limiting access to food, water and shelter makes it harder for the rodent to survive and increases the effectiveness of control strategies.

FAQ

Is it safe for my pets to be home at the time of treatment?

Pets are fine to be home whilst we are treating. However, we would ask you to restrain them while the technician is completing the treatment.

What happens if my pet eats the rodent bait?

If a non-target animal feeds on the bait, take the animal and a sample of the bait to a veterinarian. If the animal shows signs of poisoning, the vet will administer an antidote.

What can I do if I don't want baits to be laid in case my pets find the dead rodents?

There is the option of using baits with no secondary poisoning. Meaning that if your pet finds a rodent affected by a bait the pet will not be harmed.

What happens if the rodent dies in the roof or wall?

Rodents may die in inaccessible places such as wall cavities. Odours from dead rodents can be a problem, however, you are able to purchase a deoderiser bag from the Sandgate Pest Control office.

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Rodent Species

Brown or Norway Rat

Rattus norvegicus

Originated in Central Asia. Large, aggressive, adaptable and sly.



Roof Rat

Rattus rattus

A native of the forests of equatorial South-east Asia. It was the most common rat in urban areas in Europe during the outbreaks of plague.



House Mouse

Mus musculus

Believed to have originated in Central Asia. Mice adapted to structures associated with the storage and transport of grain, with their provision of shelter, warmth and food. An adult house mouse produces 50 to 100 droppings and up to 3,000 micro-droplets of urine per day, a rat about 40 to 50 droppings per day or 15,000 droppings and over 10 litres of urine per year.



	Brown or Norway Rat	Roof Rat	House Mouse
Snout	Blunt	Pointed	Pointed
Ears	Small	Large	Large
Tail / body	Shorter	Longer	Body-length
Droppings	18mm Sausage-like	12mm Pointed	4mm Pointed
Weight (g)	340 – 460	150 - 250	13 – 30
Intake /day (g)	15 – 30	10 - 20	2 – 4
Food preference	Garbage	Fruit, nuts	Grains
Offspring / year	20	20	40 – 60
Gestation (days)	22	23	18 – 21
Litter size	4 – 10	4 – 8	5 – 6
Lifespan (mths)	5 – 12	5 - 18	12 – 24
Home range (m)	8 – 30	8 – 30+	2 – 10

Helpful Hints

Some properties are invaded in autumn every year as rats and mice seek shelter from the cooler weather. Others may be invaded when nearby areas are developed. If you are aware of a potential influx, contact Sandgate Pest Control to introduce a program before the invasion occurs.

Pet food is a major attraction for rodents. Ensure that all pet food is not left outside overnight and is stored in airtight containers .

The home, or buildings should be inspected for potential entry points, concentrating on gaps in the walls, such as weep holes, doors, windows and penetrations for plumbing and electrical services.

Trim all tree branches away from the house. Remove ivy and trellises from the walls.

Do not store timber or debris adjacent to the house.

Repair leaky taps and remove other water sources.

DID YOU KNOW?

A mouse can get through a hole the size of the tip of your little finger and a rat only requires the size of the tip of your thumb!