

Harris County Community!

Rodent Control After a Disaster

After a major storm, such as a hurricane, many surviving rodents (i.e. rats, mice) often move to new areas in search of food, water, and shelter. Here are some useful tips to help control rodents around your home.

Inside the Home

- Store all food (human and pet) in rodent-proof containers*
- Remove store empty food cans from inside the home
- Remove left over food and clean cooking and eating areas
- Remove and dispose properly of all trash
- Control rodents with traps, glue boards, and bait boxes



Outside the Home

- Remove all food sources (even dead animals) which may attract rodents
- Remove and dispose of debris, junk and trash from the yard
- Store wood piles or other yard items at least a foot off the ground
- Store trash in rodent-proof containers with tight-fitting lids
- Keep grass trimmed and remove brush or weeds that may provide shelter

Rodent-Proof your home

Seal gaps and holes inside and outside the home larger than a 1/4 -inch with cement, wire screening, steel wool, caulk, expanding foam, etc.

SAFETY

- Keep children and pets away from the bait poison
- Do not touch bait poison products with bare hands **use gloves**
- Always wash your hands with soap and clean water after handling poison
- Remove and dispose of dead rodents daily

*Rodent-proof container is made of thick plastic, glass, or metal and has a tight-fitting lid

**Protect your family.
Protect yourself.
Stay rodent free!**