

## Rodent-Proofing Your Home



Globally, rats and mice spread well over 25 diseases. These diseases can be spread to humans directly, through handling of rodents, through contact with rodent feces, urine, or saliva, or through rodent bites. Diseases carried by rodents can also be spread to humans indirectly, through ticks, mites or fleas that have fed on an infected rodent. The primary strategy for preventing human exposure to rodent diseases is effective rodent control in and around the home. This is achieved by eliminating any food sources, sealing even the smallest entries into homes, and successfully trapping rodents inside and baiting outside around the home.

The first step is to inspect for rodent entry areas inside and outside the home. Certified Pest Control of Naples offers rodent proofing inspections for your home or business. We look for gaps or holes that are  $\frac{1}{4}$ " or larger. We inspect around the pipes going to hot water heaters and furnaces, around floor vents and dryer vents, inside the attic, in the roof among the rafters, gables, and eaves, around windows, attic vents and crawl space vents, and around holes for electrical, plumbing, cable, and gas lines. We also inspect areas of concern outside the home including trees and hedges near home, shingles, roof ventilators and vent screens to be sure they are secure and undamaged, and chimneys.



Once Certified Pest Control of Naples completes a thorough rodent proofing inspection, we can offer you suggestions and answers on what we can do for you to rodent proof your home from invading rodents. We can explain to you how we will repair the entry areas of your home and the methods we will use to rid you of any active rodent activity inside your home at the present.

If you live in Naples, Bonita Springs, Fort Myers, or anywhere in Southwest Florida call 239-877-4041, Certified Pest Control of Naples for a full explanation on our rodent control program or look us up on our website at [certifiedpcnaples.com](http://certifiedpcnaples.com). You do not have to let unwanted pests ruin your gorgeous Southwest Florida lifestyle. Remember, when thinking pest control, think Certified Pest Control of Naples- Your Certified Pest Professional!

Certified Pest Control of Naples is Your Certified Wildlife Removal and Trapping Professional. All animals that live in and around buildings such as; rodents, lizards, raccoons, opossums, snakes, birds, bats, moles, skunks, even feral house cats. Most people think of these animals as pests or a big nuisance. Due to the increase of urban development, many wildlife animals are being displaced that previously inhabited these areas. For the safety, health, and property damage concerns to the people living in these areas, these reasons are why these animals need to be carefully removed and if possible relocated.

Certified Pest Control of Naples can control, trap, or eliminate any of these unwanted wildlife animals. We have specially trained technicians to quickly and effectively remove the wildlife animals from your property.

Don't risk your safety, health, or damage to your property by attempting to handle this problem yourself. If you live in Naples, Bonita Springs, Fort Myers, or anywhere in Southwest Florida call us at 239-877-4041 to rid your home or business of any problem pest or find information on all our services. You do not have to let unwanted pests ruin your gorgeous Southwest Florida lifestyle. Remember, when thinking pest control, think Certified Pest Control of Naples- Your Certified Pest Professional!



## Rodent Information

**The Roof Rat** is an introduced species of rat native to southern Asia. It was brought to America on the first ships to reach the New World and has spread around the world. This rat is the same species that carried the bubonic plague around the world and is also the reservoir host for murine typhus. Roof Rats are the worst rodent pest in the State of Florida and most abundant. A typical roof rat is between 13 and 18 inches long from nose to tail. It is commonly known as the black rat or palm squirrel, but is often dark brown in color. Unlike other rats, their tails are longer than the length of their bodies and they have large ears. Roof rats will nest in trees, woodpiles, garbage and plants, but they generally like inside high places, like attics. They are good climbers and only need a hole the size of a quarter to gain entry. They primarily consume fruits and nuts, although they will eat anything. They tend to hoard food for consuming later. They are known for hollowing out citrus fruit in trees. Control of roof rats is not an easy task. Professional Pest Management is needed to control these pests. The tools of a Certified Pest Control professional technician include: the knowledge of cultural control (prevention and habitat management), physical control (trapping and exclusion), biological control (predators like snakes), and if needed chemical control (rodent baits and repellents).

**The Florida House Mouse** weighs less than an ounce. It can fit in a crack of only a quarter inch. They can and do get everywhere. If your house has food and any small openings, eventually mice will find their way in. A single mouse can't eat a whole lot, but they nibble on many foods and defecate on everything, mice destroy considerably more food than they consume. They can also spread diseases. Some examples of diseases that can be spread by mice or rats are salmonellosis (food poisoning), rickettsialpox, and lymphocytic choriomeningitis. Mice may also carry leptospirosis, ratbite fever, tapeworms, and organisms that can cause ringworm (a fungal skin disease) in humans. They like to chew and gnaw everything, and will often chew on electrical wires, creating a fire hazard.

Certified Pest Control can eliminate unwanted rodent infestations, with our exclusive Rodent Treatment. We will place control trapping equipment in all active areas on the interior of your home or building and set up exterior rodent control bait stations around the outside of your home or building. We will then monitor and remove any trapped rodents every other day until there is no more rodents active inside your home or building. Permanent Exterior Rodent Baiting Stations are available for an extra onetime fee. Certified Pest Control has the knowledge, experience, and a highly trained staff to be able to control and protect you from Florida's rodent problems. Call Certified Pest Control today for a free estimate and a complete explanation of any of our services. Remember, when thinking pest control, think Certified Pest Control – Your Certified Pest Professional!