

# Rats chewing up your place?



## Rat Facts

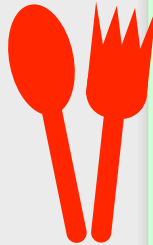
- Social scavengers which eat anything.
- Communicate by inaudible sounds.
- Teeth are harder than steel.
- Eat their own faeces.
- Reproduce even at 2 months old.
- Spread diseases such as the plague and the flu-like hantavirus through contaminated dust, rats' excrements, and bite wounds.
- Can cause extensive damage to properties by gnawing on wood and wiring (which can cause fires).

## What

## Where they are found

- Dark corners, including:
  - \* Under or on top of cabinets and shelves;
  - \* Behind piping;
  - \* Even inside the roof void and underground.

## Where



## When they appear

- All year round.
- Usually at night.
- Newer breeds can also come out during the day and have no fear of people.

## When

Plague

Hantavirus



## Warning signs

- Presence of dead or living rats is the most obvious sign of a rat infestation.
- Dirty and oily marks or stains on walls and flooring, and visible tracks.
- Round and large bites or damages found on wood and plastic materials and furniture.
- Presence of rats' droppings.

## Basic HOW-to (ERDM)

- **EXCLUSION** - Prevent rats from setting foot by having NO food lying around, and throw away trash promptly.
- **RESTRICTION** - Reduce the presence of dark and inaccessible corners and areas by having good proofing measures.
- **DESTRUCTION** - Use bait and pesticides. Cats are deterrents to rats too.
- **MONITORING** - Periodic inspection and housekeeping on furniture, flooring and the surroundings, including the greens.

## HOW



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