



Rodent Control for Residential Premises

Rodents (mice and rats) are common household pests. If left unchecked these rodents may establish themselves in an area and become very difficult to eradicate. Therefore it is important for the community to work together so that the rodent numbers can be kept under control.

If you suspect that a rodent problem exists on your property, or you require information to control the problem, please contact the City's Public Health Services for advice.

Baiting

To get the best results, you should set up a 'bait station' at your property. The bait station should consist of two or three sachets of rat bait placed together in a location safe from children, pets and wildlife. If baits are placed in the ceiling space, the placement of a bait station inside the manhole opening is satisfactory.

It is important that the bait stations are checked every two to three days and replenished where necessary. It is crucial that adequate baits are available, as rodents need to feed on a daily basis for approximately five to six days for the baits to be effective. If the bait in the bait stations runs out after only a few days, rodents become only slightly sick and recover.

It is suggested that the sachets are placed in bait stations rather than being thrown into the roof space in order to accurately assess if the baits are being eaten and need replacing. The baiting program should be carried out until the baits are no longer being taken.

Always read the safety information provided with the baits.

Owners and occupiers are responsible for controlling rodent problems on their premises. The City's Public Health Officers are happy to provide additional advice if necessary.

Feel free to contact them on **08 9411 3589**.

