



VECTOR CONTROL

RODENT PROGRAM



RATS

Mobile County Health Department's Vector Control provides courtesy inspections, as well as exterior baiting to residents of Mobile County (No Commercial!). Our trained and licensed Rodent Inspectors professionally inspect the exterior areas (not interior) for Rodent activity. They will offer advice to residents to help control the rodent problem; as well as placing tamper-proof rodent bait stations, with EPA registered Anti-Coagulant Rodenticides, in a safe manner.

Call 251-690-8819

For More Information!

ROOF RAT



NORWAY RAT

TIPS TO HELP AVOID RATS IN AND AROUND YOUR HOME!!!

- Get rid of abandoned cars.
- Report dilapidated buildings that are not adequately boarded up to the City Action Center (311)
- Clean up large rubbish piles.
- Keep grass and weeds short, and trim tree limbs away from buildings.
- Keep garbage cans tightly closed, and off the ground.
- Do not leave dog food outside for extended periods of time.
- Keep dog yards and kennels clean of waste.
- Pick up fallen fruits and nuts from under trees and near buildings.
- Keep crawlspace securely sealed, around access holes, and where pipes penetrate through walls.
- Repair holes in eaves, soffits, and around chimneys.
- Temporarily plug any small holes around pipe penetrations with steel wool.

THE COMMON ROOF RAT VS. THE NORWAY RAT

Roof Rats –

Medium sized rats, with tails longer than the head and body; large ears, and pointed nose.

Also called black rats, they are sleeker than the Norway.

Roof Rats get their name because they prefer to climb up and nest above ground, in attics, wall voids, etc...

Generally they are most active at two periods, the hour after dusk, and just before dawn.

They prefer to eat fruits and nuts, but will consume meat as well.

Norway Rats –

Thick-bodied, they have small ears and a blunt nose compared to the Roof Rat.

They tend to burrow underground, and do not climb as well as Roof Rats.

They prefer to eat meats, but will consume grains, vegetables, and nuts as well.

Both Rat species need to drink water on a daily basis.

The home range is 150 feet plus for Roof and Norway Rats!