



# RODENTS

Help control rodents around your home after flooding and storms

## Inside the home:

- Store all food (human and pet) in **rodent-proof containers**.\*
- **Remove empty food containers** from inside the home.
- Remove left over food and clean cooking and eating areas.
- When possible, **use spring-loaded traps** in the home and outside buildings. Use a small amount of chunky peanut butter as bait. Place traps in a “T” shape against baseboards or wall surfaces.
- Glue traps and live traps are **not recommended**.

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

## 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 yard items 12 inches above the ground.
- Store trash in **rodent-proof containers** with tight-fitting lids.
- **Keep grass trimmed** and remove brush or weeds that may provide shelter.
- Place **spring-loaded traps** in outside buildings and in other areas where signs of rodents are found. Do not allow **children or pets** to play near spring traps.

## Safety:

- **Check traps daily** and remove and dispose of dead rodents.
- Wear rubber or plastic **gloves**.
- **Do not vacuum or sweep** rodent urine or rodent droppings. Spray with a disinfectant, soak for 5 minutes and use paper towel to remove.
- Place the rodent and trap inside a plastic bag, seal it and then place the bag inside another bag and dispose of properly.
- Wash gloved hands with soap and water or disinfectant. Thoroughly **wash hands** with soap and water.
- Keep **children and pets** away from the areas where traps are placed.

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