

Hantavirus Pulmonary Syndrome (HPS)

SEAL UP!

HOW TO KEEP RODENTS OUT OF YOUR HOME

- Seal up gaps around roofing, attic spaces, windows and doors.
- Examine the outside of your house for gaps between the foundation and the ground.
- Inspect for gaps under the sink and locations where water pipes come into your home.
- Check around vents and air conditioners for holes.
- Seal any gaps or holes with steel wool, lath metal or caulk.

TRAP UP!

HOW TO USE SNAP TRAPS

- Fix gaps in trailer skirting.
- Select an appropriate trap - some are for mice and some are for rats.
- Read the instructions on the box before setting the snap trap. Set away from children and pets.
- Place chunky peanut butter the size of a pea on the bait pan on the snap trap.
- Position the bait end of the trap next to the wall so it forms a "T" with the wall.
- Place snap traps in areas where you have seen rodents, nesting materials, urine or droppings.

CLEAN UP!

HOW TO KEEP A CLEAN AND HEALTHY HOME

How to clean up rodents and rodent droppings:

- Wear rubber or plastic gloves when handling dead rodents or rodent droppings.
- Spray dead rodent, urine or droppings with a disinfectant or a mixture of bleach and water.
- Soak rodent, nesting materials or droppings in solution for five minutes before wiping up with paper towel or rag as appropriate.
- Place the paper towel and rodent with trap or nesting material in a plastic bag and seal it.
- Place the full bag in a second plastic bag and seal it.
- Mop or sponge the area with a disinfectant or bleach solution.
- Wash gloved hands with soap and water or spray a disinfectant or bleach solution on gloves before taking them off.
- Wash hands with soap and warm water after taking off your gloves.

Clean up rodent food sources and nesting sites

- Place human and pet food in thick plastic or metal containers with tight lids.
- Wash dishes and cooking utensils soon after use.
- Put pet food away in rodent-proof containers after use. Do not leave pet-food or water bowls out overnight.
- Place garbage in thick plastic or metal can with a tight lid.
- Move woodpiles and composting bins more than 100 feet from the home.
- Trim grass and shrubbery within 100 feet of the home.

