

Neighborhood Rat Reduction

Prospect Heights Rodent Task Force Meeting

**NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
Updates on work performed in 2019**



Prospect Heights

Blocks 1173, 1176, and 1179

- The three blocks contain 122 tax lots
- Since January 1, 2019, the following activities have been completed for these 3 blocks:
 - 186 initial inspections
 - 136 compliance inspections
 - 194 extermination visits

January 2019-Present Block Summary Report

Block 1173

22 Initial Inspections
16 Compliance Inspections
11 Extermination Visits

Block 1176

84 Initial Inspections
68 Compliance Inspections
103 Extermination Visits

Block 1179

80 Initial Inspections
52 Compliance Inspections
81 Extermination Visits

<http://www.oasisnyc.net/map.aspx>

Block 1179

45 Violations issued in 2019

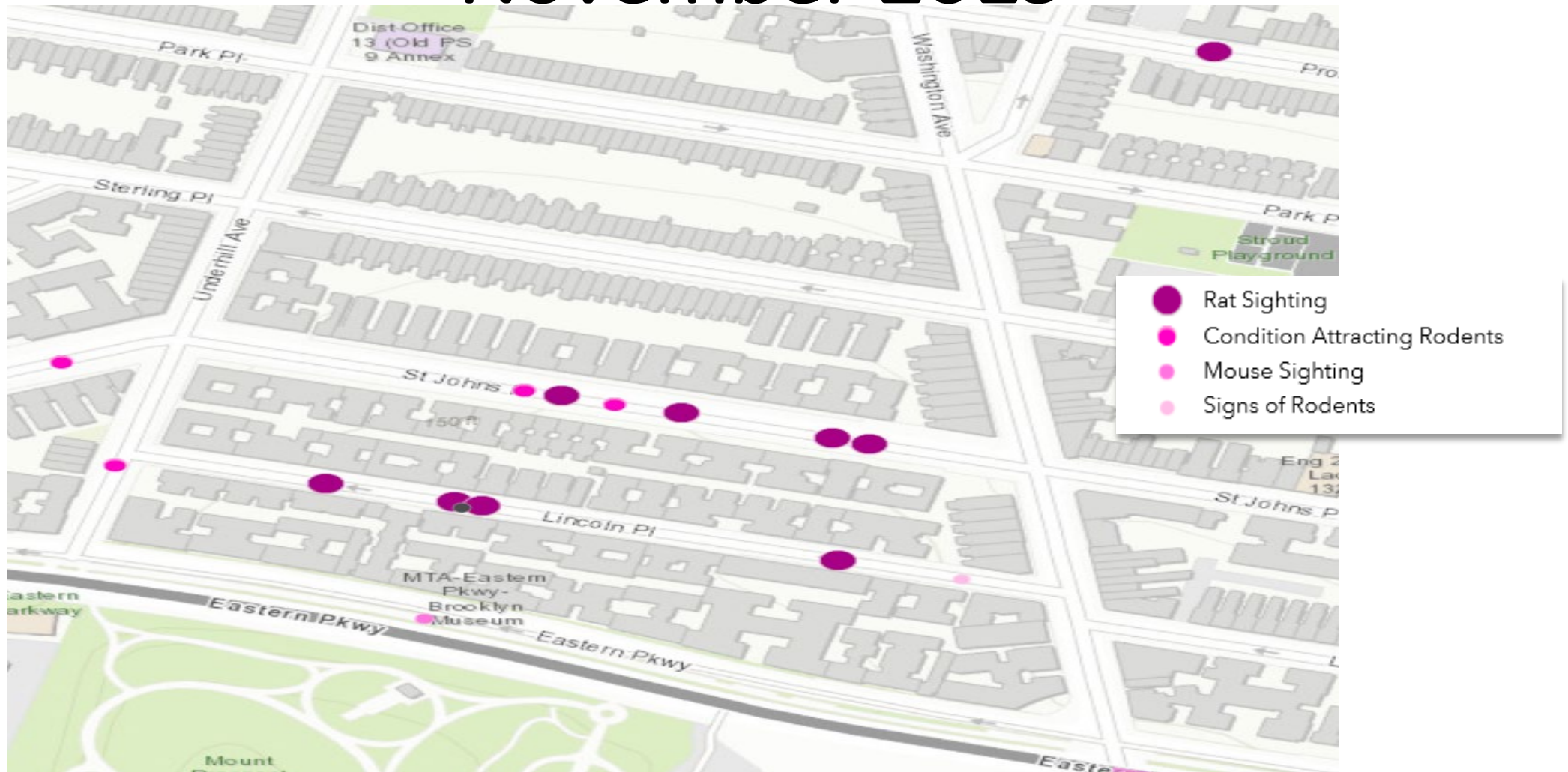
- 320 Lincoln Pl. : 9 Violations, **\$3,900**
- 326 Lincoln Pl. : 2 Violations, **\$600**
- 364 Lincoln Pl. : 10 Violations, **\$4,500**
- 400 Lincoln Pl. : 5 Violations, **\$1,500**
- 77 Eastern Parkway : 6 Violations, **\$3,000**
- 135 Eastern Parkway : 2 Violations, **\$600**
- 95 Eastern Parkway : 5 Violations, **\$1,800**
- 175 Eastern Parkway : 6 Violations, **\$3,000**

Block 1176

32 Violations issued in 2019

- 356 St. John's Pl. : 2 Violations, \$600
- 372 St. John's Pl. : 11 Violations, \$5,100
- 376 St. John's Pl. : 2 Violations, \$600
- 380 St. John's Pl. : 1 Violation, \$300
- 384 St. John's Pl. : 2 Violations, \$600
- 388 St. John's Pl. : 1 Violation, \$300
- 406 St. John's Pl. : 10 Violations, \$4,800
- 408 St. John's Pl. : 3 Violations, \$900
- 440 St. John's Pl. : 2 Violations, \$900
- 446 St. John's Pl. : 2 Violations, \$600
- 448 St. John's Pl. : 6 Violations, \$3,300
- 365 Lincoln Pl. : 17 Violations, \$8,300
- 339 Lincoln Pl. : 1 Violation, \$300
- 323 Lincoln Pl. : 1 Violation, \$300
- 407 Lincoln Pl. : 4 Violations, \$1,800
- 816 Washington Ave. : 4 Violations, \$1,500
- 820 Washington Ave. : 1 Violation, \$300
- 832 Washington Ave. : 3 Violations, \$1,200
- 836 Washington Ave. : 1 Violation, \$300

311 complaints November 2019



Properties with complaints

Address	Most Recent Inspection Date	Number of Inspections in 2019	Number Extermination visits in 2019	Current Status
802 Washington Ave	11/1/2019	3	0	Passed inspection 11/01/19
320 Lincoln Pl	11/4/2019	10	20	Undergoing DOHMH extermination, \$1200 violation issued, hearing 12/18/19
364 Lincoln Pl	11/6/2019	11	14	Undergoing DOHMH extermination, \$1200 violation issued, hearing 12/18/19
448 St John's Pl/446 St John's Pl.	11/8/2019	25	60	Undergoing DOHMH extermination, \$1200 violation issued, hearing 12/18/19
365 Lincoln Pl aka 347 Lincoln Pl	11/1/2019	9	10	Undergoing DOHMH extermination, \$1200 violation issued, hearing 12/18/19
816 Washington Ave	11/1/2019	6	6	Passed inspection 11/01/19
77 Eastern Pkwy	11/1/2019	6	8	Undergoing DOHMH extermination, \$1200 violation issued, hearing 12/18/19
406 St Johns Pl	11/1/2019	10	14	Undergoing DOHMH extermination, \$300 violation paid in full
836 Washington Ave aka 391 Lincoln Pl	11/4/2019	6	4	Passed inspection 11/04/19
407 Lincoln pl aka 840 Washington Ave.	11/1/2019	9	3	Passed inspection 11/01/19
372 St Johns Pl	11/1/2019	9	13	Undergoing DOHMH extermination, \$1200 violation issued, hearing 12/18/19

Properties with continuing issues

406 St. Johns Pl./392 St. John's Pl.

448 St. John's Pl.

372 St. John's Pl.

320 Lincoln Pl.

364 Lincoln Pl.

365 Lincoln Pl./347 Lincoln Pl.

832 Washington Ave.

77 Eastern Parkway

Uncooperative Buildings

- **832 Washington Ave** – Non-responsive to DOHMH communications, no attempt to remediate the rat activity in the area.
- **320 Lincoln Place**- no form of remediation by management
- **364 Lincoln Place**- continued rat signs and harborage in the front yard even after the mulching of the left side of the property

The **DOHMH** has continued its baiting campaign on the three blocks, including baiting a catch basin on Lincoln Place and Washington. We will need the continued support of property owners to clean up, remove harborage and wash down garbage areas that contain droppings, which serve as attractants for other rats. Increased enforcement continues to occur.

832 Washington Ave.
Recent Activity

11/04/19 - Compliance Inspection, failed for droppings

\$600 Violation issued, hearing date 12/18/19

320 Lincoln Pl. Recent Activity

11/21/19 - DOHMH extermination visit

- Burrows baited
- Bait station serviced

11/6/2019 - DOHMH extermination visit

- Burrows baited
- Bait station serviced

\$1200 Violation issued, hearing date 12/18/19

364 Lincoln Pl. Recent Activity

11/21/19 - DOHMH extermination visit

- Burrows baited

11/6/2019 - DOHMH extermination visit

- Burrows baited
- Bait station observed (Pest Control Company *ASSURE*)

\$1200 Violation issued, hearing date 12/18/19

365 Lincoln Pl./347 Lincoln Pl. Recent Activity

11/15/19 - DOHMH extermination visit

- No burrows observed

11/13/2019 - DOHMH extermination visit

- Closed burrows

11/07/19 - DOHMH extermination visit

- Burrows baited

\$1200 Violation issued, hearing date 12/18/19

406 St. John's Pl./392 St. John's Pl. Recent Activity

11/12/19 - DOHMH extermination visit

- Burrows baited

11/7/2019 - DOHMH extermination visit

- burrows baited
- bait station installed

\$300 Violation paid in full (issued 10/22/19)

448 St. John's Pl. Recent Activity

11/22/19 - DOHMH extermination visit

- No burrows observed

11/13/19 - DOHMH extermination visit

- Closed burrows

11/12/19 - DOHMH extermination visit

- Burrows baited

11/07/2019 - DOHMH extermination visit

- Burrows baited
- Bait station serviced

\$1200 Violation issued, hearing date 12/18/19

372 St. John's Pl. Recent Activity

11/22/19 - DOHMH extermination visit

- Burrows baited

11/13/19 - DOHMH extermination visit

- Closed burrows

11/12/19 - DOHMH extermination visit

- Burrows baited

11/07/2019 - DOHMH extermination visit

- Burrows baited
- Sealed structural holes

\$1200 Violation issued, hearing date 12/18/19

77 Eastern Parkway Recent Activity

11/21/19 - DOHMH extermination visit

- Closed burrow

11/07/2019 - DOHMH extermination visit

- No burrows observed, monitoring

11/06/19 - DOHMH extermination visit

- Burrows baited

\$1200 Violation issued, hearing date 12/18/19

Improved Buildings:

- **326 Lincoln Pl** – Superintendent maintains communication with Case Manager, however Case Manager is denied access to interior. 320 Lincoln Pl. appears to be contributing to rodent problem on block. Rat droppings observed in exterior. Garbage area is being cleaned and properly maintained. Treatment received by pest management company weekly as per superintendent.
- **95 Eastern Pkwy** – No rat activity noted on the exterior; minor rat droppings found on the interior. Last inspection failed for burrows and droppings on the interior. Improvements from a heavily infested basement with live rats and droppings.
- **826 Washington Ave** – Management is cooperative, hired a pest control company, maintains communication with Case Manager and follows recommendations. They have remediated the previous rat activity and passed last inspection.
- **840 Washington Ave** – Management is cooperative, treatment was being done up to 2 time per week at one point, now treating weekly by pest control company continuous extermination in progress. Last inspection Passed, no active rat signs at time of inspection.
- **816 Washington Ave** – Property under partial construction. Construction Company maintains communication with Case manager and follows recommendations. Sidewalk where initial problem was with burrows at the front left has been paved. Burrows were sealed and have not reopened. Property passed last inspection.
- **408 St Johns Place** – Management is cooperative. Building management, Superintendent, and Exterminator maintain communication with Case Manager and follow recommendations by DOHMH. Garbage is stored properly, no signs of exposed garbage have been observed by inspector. Recommendation for more containers has been made by DOHMH. Property is being treated bi-weekly, exterminator is burrow baiting and collapsing. Bait stations have been placed along property and are managed bi-weekly. Burrow count has decreased to 1. 406/392 St John's Place appears to be the property contributing to rodent issues on the block. Property failed for active rat signs.
- **446 St Johns-** Interior shows no active rat signs. Superintendent and management maintain communication with Case Manager. Continuous cleaning is being performed on the property and improvements have been observed, however the property has not hired a pest control company for treatment. Sidewalk has been sealed, but landscape areas still show active rat signs. Property failed last inspection and DOHMH will treat.
- **440 St John's Place-** Interior shows no active rat signs. Superintendent maintains communication with Case Manager. Property is being treated by pest control company weekly. Rear yard area has been paved. Failed last inspection for exterior Rat Signs, droppings and one burrow in the rear of the property observed.
- **400 Lincoln Place** –Building representative has maintained communication with Case Manager. Property has paid all outstanding fees, hired an exterminator, participated in community walk through, and cleaned the overgrown vegetation around the building.

Reportable Conditions

- Rat Burrows
- Rat Droppings
- Structural Holes/Burrows
- Rat active catch basins
- Exposed Garbage feeding rats
- Harborage conditions

Exposed garbage



Rat Droppings

Signs of rat activity? In NYC, rat burrows can be found in earthen spaces, sidewalks, & property infrastructure



What is our process?

- Initial Inspection - Inspection conducted in response to a 311 complaint, or a proactive indexing inspection.
- Compliance Inspection - If a property fails its initial inspection, the Health Department will conduct a follow up (Compliance) inspection.
- Baiting - Application of rodenticide, or other visit by a Health Department Pest Control Professional.
- Clean Up - The removal of garbage and clutter from a property by the Health Department.

Summonses & Violations

- Commissioners Orders are sent well in advance of any summonses to give owners a chance to respond
- We assign office staff and case managers to help counsel property owners on compliance steps
- Summonses are only issued following a failed compliance inspection
- Owners are scheduled for a hearing at OATH
- If found in violation of the health code – they are issued violations – minimum is \$300 but this can range up to \$2,000 for repeat offenders

DOHMH Exterminators treat properties when the owner fails to do so

- DOHMH Exterminators in field offices across the city address conditions that are not being remediated by property owners
- Property owners will be billed for DOHMH extermination services
- In extreme services, emergency extermination or clean up of vacant lots may be deployed by DOHMH
- *It is the responsibility of the property owner to maintain their property through proper garbage management and use of extermination services*

Rat Academies

- Host your own Academy model offered across 4 Boroughs
- 30 educational outreach events on the schedule for 2019 with more to come
- Over 650 people have attended Rat Academy trainings to date in 2019
- 190 rodent-resistant garbage bins distributed
- Stalite provided to community gardens
- Trainings also provided to government agencies, nonprofits, and pest control professionals
- Please contact us if you're interested in hosting an academy for your neighbors at ratportal@health.nyc.gov

Free Rat Academy Training

At the Bronx Neighborhood Health Action Center



FREE TRAINING FOR

- Building supers and staff
- Homeowners and tenants
- Managing companies

LEARN

About rat prevention methods

ENTER THE FREE RAFFLE

To win a rodent-resistant garbage can

Monday, Aug. 12, 2019
5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Bronx Neighborhood Health Action Center
1826 Arthur Ave.
Bronx, NY 10457

To register, email ratportal@health.nyc.gov.

 To request additional accommodations, please call 646-364-1816 or email ratportal@health.nyc.gov at least 72 hours before the event.

Rat Academies in Brooklyn, 2019 (10)

- March 28, 2019, 6 p.m.-8 p.m. / **Prospect Heights**- In partnership with Brooklyn Queens Land Trust. *23 attendees.*
- April 24, 2019, 7 p.m.-9 p.m. / **Coney Island**- In partnership with Brooklyn CB3. *28 attendees.*
- May 23, 2019, 6 p.m.-8 p.m. / **Bushwick**- In partnership with CB4 Health and Sanitation Committee. *24 attendees.*
- June 7, 2019, 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m. / **Prospect Heights**- In partnership with Council Majority Leader Laurie A. Cumbo. *8 attendees.*
- July 24, 2019 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. / **Bedford/Stuyvesant**- In partnership with Marion Street park, Chauncey Street, Hull Street and 400 Marion Street Block Associations. *10 attendees.*
- October 29, 2019, 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. / **Williamsburg**- In partnership with North Brooklyn Neighbors.- *11 attendees.*
- November 6, 2019 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. / **Crown Heights**- in partnership with multiple local block associations
- December 4, 2019 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m./ **Bedford**- In partnership with DOHMH Brooklyn Neighborhood Health Action Center- Bedford
- December 5, 2019 5:45 p.m. -7:45 p.m. / **Clinton Hill**- In partnership with Lefferts Place Civic Association, Brevoort Pl.- Franklin Ave. Block Association, Lefferts Place Block Association, FAB Alliance BID, Bed-Stuy Gateway BID, Fort Green Association
- December (date pending), 2019, 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. / **Brownsville** - In partnership with DOHMH Brooklyn Neighborhood Health Action Center- Brownsville
- *10 of the 24 Rat Academies in 2019 have been/will be in Brooklyn*

Rat Information Portal

RAT PREVENTION RESOURCES

The New York City Health Department's **Rat Information Portal** provides:

- Rat inspection records
- Tips for preventing rat infestations
- Instructions for responding to an order from the Health Department for a failed inspection
- Tips for finding a licensed Integrated Pest Management (IPM) professional
- A tool to create maps of rat activity in your community

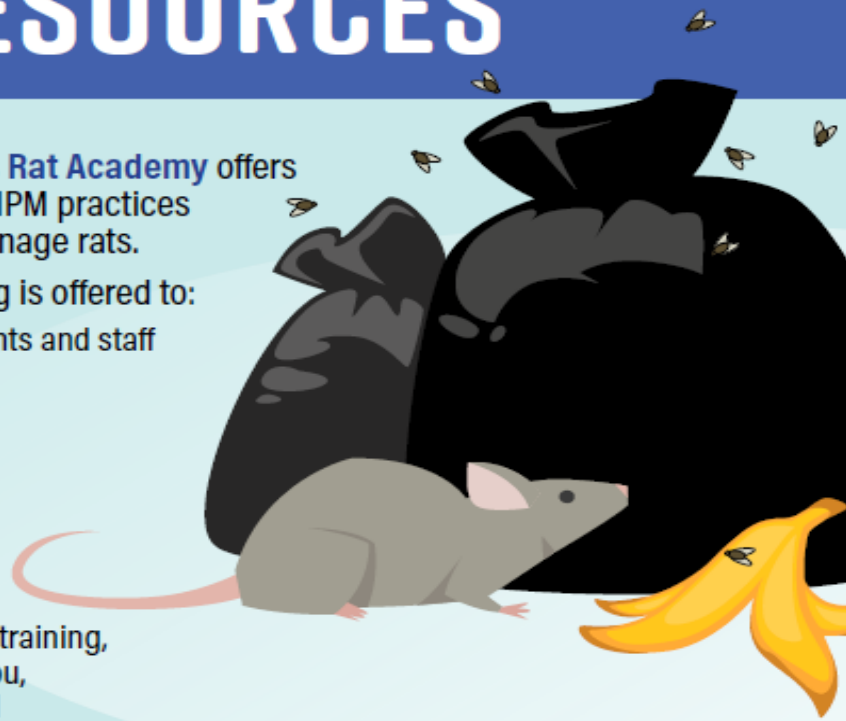
To access the Rat Information Portal, visit nyc.gov/rats.

The Health Department's **Rat Academy** offers **FREE** trainings on using IPM practices to safely prevent and manage rats.

The Rat Academy training is offered to:

- Building superintendents and staff
- Homeowners
- Tenants
- Property managers
- Business owners
- Community gardeners

To sponsor a Rat Academy training, or to find a training near you, visit nyc.gov/rats or email ratportal@health.nyc.gov.



Program Materials

Preventing Rats on Your Property

Como prevenir ratas en su propiedad

A Guide for Property Owners and Tenants

A Healthy Homes Guide

Una guía para propietarios, arrendadores e inquilinos

Una guía para Hogares Saludables

Pest Management Tips for Building Residents

Sealing cracks, fixing leaks and removing garbage deprive pests of food, water and shelter. This approach to pest control is called **Integrated Pest Management** or **IPM**. Building managers are required to keep units pest-free, but tenants have a role to play too.



Keep your home clean and dry – especially the kitchen.

- Keep food in sealed containers.
- Keep counters and sinks free from food residue.
- Reduce clutter.
- Recycle piles of newspapers, paper bags and cardboard.
- Don't leave pet food out overnight.
- Don't leave dirty dishes in the sink.



Manage garbage.

- Keep garbage in sealed bags or containers.
- Rinse recyclables before throwing out in designated bins.
- Take garbage and recycling out of unit every day.

In Buildings with Compactors

- Bag and tie garbage before sending down the chute.
- Leave larger bags and items in designated storage areas.
- Do not overstuff chutes.
- Place recyclables in designated bins, not down the chute.
- Do not leave bagged garbage on the floor in compactor rooms.
- Do not throw liquids or sharp items down the chute.



Work with building manager and pest management professionals.

- Report pests, water leaks, holes and other conditions that can attract pests to building management.
- Allow pest management professionals access to the home for pest inspections and services.
- Let pest management professional know if there are children or pets in the home.
- Follow pest management professional's advice on preventing pests.
- Call 311 if management fails to respond.



Only use safe pest control methods in your home.

- Use pesticides that have manufacturer labels and are marked for consumer use only. Make sure to read and follow label instructions.
- Use bait stations and gel for cockroaches and ants.
- Use traps for mice.
- Use fly traps for flies.
- Never use illegal pesticides like Tres Pasitos, Chinese chalk or Tempo.
- Never use foggers, bombs or loose rodent bait.

家庭滅鼠行動

房客指南



HEALTHY HOMES

Pests

Pests - including roaches and mice - are common asthma triggers in the home. Using pesticides may also be unhealthy. Use safer pest control in the home.

Things You Can Do

Remove food and water
 • Clean and dry dishes in sealed containers.
 • Wipe up dripping faucets quickly.
 • Wash dishes after each use.
 • Take out kitchen garbage every day.

Deny entry and shelter
 • Use caulk and plaster to seal holes and cracks in walls, floors, and ceilings.
 • Remove clutter, cardboard and newspapers.
 • Avoid use of pesticides: avoid foggers, bombs and sprays. Use safer products called "Tempo", "Tres Pasitos" or "Tack Chalk".

For roaches:

• Lightly apply boric acid with a bulb duster or plastic squeeze bottle where roaches are active (but away from children). Use behind cabinets, under refrigerators, and in cracks and crevices before you seal them.

and

• Place cockroach bait stations or apply small dabs of cockroach gel bait in areas of high activity.

For mice:

• Use mouse glue traps. If you choose poison pellets, use brands that come in enclosures, and follow instructions.

Keep children and pets away from any poison.

Suggested Products

- Caulk and caulking gun
- Spackle and small spackling knife
- Boric acid and bulb duster
- Cockroach bait stations and gel
- Sponges
- Gloves
- Mild detergent and degreaser
- Sealing food storage containers

For More Information

Call the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. In NYC, call 311 or go to nyc.gov/health

The New York City Department of Housing Preservation and Development (HPD) provides training which reviews safer pest control methods. In NYC, call 311 or go to nyc.gov/hpd

Keep the Poison Control Center number handy: (800) 222-1222

