

Anti-rodent Measures in Residential Premises

To prevent rodent infestation, the management companies of residential premises should cleanse the premises and their surroundings frequently and keep the areas clean by:

- inspecting all flowerbeds and pavements regularly for rodent infestation;
- setting up a buffer zone paved with concrete or small boulders as far as possible in the immediate surrounding of building blocks;
- trimming surrounding bushland, long-grass fields and vegetation in flowerbeds regularly for easier detection of rodent infestation;
- avoiding any accumulation of articles;
- clearing the household refuse from the premises at least once a day;
- tying up the refuse bags before disposal of in a refuse collection box with cover;
- cleansing the used dustbins daily;
- clearing or flushing drains, gutters, sewers and septic tanks regularly;
- clearing the refuse and articles in the communal areas as soon as possible.

Meanwhile, the following anti-rodent measures should be adopted:

1. Install gratings with apertures not more than 6 mm or plug barbed wire balls at the openings of pipes. Any defective gratings must be replaced as soon as possible.
2. Use cement or metal plates to properly seal all the openings left in the walls, floors and roofs after the installation of pipes, wires or split-type air conditioners.
3. Repair all defective pavements and walls with cement.
4. Lower the threshold clearance of doors to not more than 6 mm and affix metal kicking plates of at least 30 cm high to the lower edges of doors and door frames.
5. Install wire meshes with apertures not larger than 6 mm to screen exhaust fans and ventilation louvers.
6. Install rat guards around the pipes on external walls.
7. Place a refuse collection bin with a well-fitted cover on each floor to collect household refuse.
8. Appoint a pest control company to disinfest the premises if there is rodent infestation. Do not try to catch rodents yourselves to avoid contracting rodent-borne diseases.