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MICE ARE COMING HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Pestech warns home and business owners in the Hudson Valley of potential rodent problems

Liberty, N.Y. – Dec. 19, 2011 – With the brisk weather and harsh winds that have recently invaded the Northeast, Pestech, the Tri-State area’s leader in insect control and pest management, is encouraging home and business owners to take precautions and prevent rodent invasion this season.

Just in time for the holidays, pesky rodents such as squirrels, mice and rats will be making their way indoors. These animals can be more than just a nuisance; left behind feces can trigger allergies, infect food, and cause a number of diseases, such as Typhus, Salmonella and Q Fever. Additionally, wiring that has been gnawed on by mice or rats can easily cause electrical fires.

“Twenty-four percent of homeowners report mice infestations in the winter months,” said Pestech CEO, Bruce Davidson. “Rodents of all kinds seek warmth and shelter during colder months, but the more preparation you make, the better protected you and your home will be once the elements take their toll.”

Fortunately, there are several effective tips to help minimize – and hopefully avoid rodent infestation altogether:

- Eliminate entry ways for rodents by sealing cracks and holes in baseboards and wherever pipes and utilities enter the home; also consider installing a chimney cap.
- Replace weather stripping around openings such as windows, and around foundation of the house.
- Always store leftovers in airtight containers (as opposed to cardboard boxes or plastic bags, which can be chewed through easily).
- Dispose of garbage regularly and always keep lids on trash cans.
- Store firewood at least 20 feet away from your home, and keep wood dry by placing it at least 12 inches off the ground.
- Use gutters to divert water away from your home – stagnant water is one of the main attractions for rodents.
- Inspect wires, insulation and walls for any signs of gnaw marks.
- Rodents hate clean, manicured lawns, so be sure to remove all debris from your landscaping; this eliminates hiding places for creatures of all sizes.

Sometimes, despite a home or business owner's best efforts, rodents win out against the cold and find a way to move in. As soon as you find any signs of an infestation – scurrying sounds in the walls, nesting materials and droppings in dark corners, or a distinctive, musky odor often left behind from house mice – contact our experienced and licensed Pestechologists™ for fast solutions and home visits at www.pestech.com or at 1-800-287-BUGS.

About Pestech

Pestech, headquartered in Liberty, N.Y., is a leader in insect control and pest management in the Tri-State area. Family owned and operated since 1989, Pestech has a knowledgeable and well-trained service staff and is committed to providing the most reliable pest control and management service in the industry. For additional information, visit www.pestech.com.

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