

Mice



Do you have mice?

If you have not seen mice in your property, other signs that may indicate that you have them include:

- droppings
- evidence of food being eaten by them in the home
- scratching noises or marks may be an indication, but rats, squirrels or birds could also be responsible

Why you might have mice

The most common mouse is the house mouse. This mouse likes to live in close proximity with humans, as we provide them with a warm home that is more hospitable than the outside world and the opportunity of food.

It may be that you have food about the house that is easily accessible, or you may have gaps under your doors or walls. Anywhere that you can put a pencil through, a mouse can get through.

What you should do

General measures you can take are:

- wash all surfaces with an anti-bacterial agent before food preparation
- clear away any food after eating and do not leave crumbs about
- if mice are gaining access through the back of a cupboard, all accessible food should be removed and placed in sealed containers and the cupboard cleaned
- if you do not want treatment with poison, you can try using traps although this method is known not to be very successful
- despite popular opinion, having a cat might not necessarily help as the cat may not be able to get at them if they are between floors, under plinths or inside cupboards

Do we treat this problem?

Yes, we treat with mouse bait - poison. This is contained in tamper-resistant boxes and placed out of sight, for example at the back of cookers or fridges or under units, so that your child or pet will not be harmed. Please note that there is a charge for this service.

Do you need to do anything to prepare for the treatment?

We do not ask that you do anything specific to prepare for our visit.

After the treatment

The following advice will help to prevent re-infestation:

- block all small holes with wire wool
- repair any external defects such as gaps around waste pipes, broken airbricks, missing bricks

More information

Go to www.portsmouth.gov.uk/living/677.html or call Pest Control on 023 9283 4251.

You can get all Portsmouth City Council information in large print, Braille, tape or translated by calling 023 9283 4251.

For translated information, please call:

- the Bengali answerphone service on 023 9284 1651
- the Cantonese answerphone service on 023 9284 1652

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