



## **RODENTS**

## Rodents (Rats & Mice)

Worldwide, rats and mice spread over 35 diseases. Rodent-borne diseases are spread directly to humans through bite wounds, consuming food or water that is contaminated with rodent feces, meeting surface water contaminated with rodent urine, or through breathing in germs that may be present in rodent urine or droppings that have been stirred into the air (a process known as "aerosolization").

## Risks

Diseases from rodents are also spread indirectly to humans by way of ticks, mites, and fleas that transmit the infection to humans after feeding on infected rodents. In some cases, the rodents are the reservoirs (carriers) of the diseases, while in other cases the ticks, mites, or fleas act as the disease reservoirs.

## Identification

**Roof Rats** are 6 to 8 inches and normally a grown to gray-black color. The tail is longer than head and body combined. Prefer to nest on rooftops.



**Deer Mice** have large eyes and ears with a tail that's covered in short fine hair. They vary from gay to red-brown. Prefer to nest in shallow burrows, hollow stumps, or beneath small fallen logs.

**House Mouse** is about 3 inches in length with a tail longer than its body. It had large ears and smalls eyes and usually are dark gray on top with a light belly. Usually nest in materials such as insulation.

**Norway Rat** is about 8 inches long and can weigh up to 20 ounces. Normally brown with some black hair and has a shorter tail than its body and head combine. Prefer to nest in soil by streams, lakes, rubbish.

For a free inspection call CNY Pest Control at 1-888-471-1555.