



Homeowner Field Guide

Mouse Activity



For homeowners experiencing mouse or rodent activity.

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serving your area.

INTRODUCTION

Can You Confirm Mouse Activity Yourself?

This guide helps homeowners organize their observations before deciding whether professional evaluation may be appropriate.

By documenting what you see, hear, and notice around your home, you can provide valuable context that helps determine next steps — whether that means continued monitoring or scheduling a professional assessment.

◆ IMPORTANT NOTE

This guide is educational only.

It cannot confirm whether mice are present. Only a trained professional can provide a definitive assessment of mouse activity in your home.

What This Guide Includes

- Common signs to look for
- Where to check in your home
- How to document observations
- When to consider professional help

IDENTIFICATION

Common Signs of Mouse Activity

Look for these indicators around your home. Multiple signs together may suggest activity worth documenting.

✓ Scratching Sounds

Especially at night, in walls or ceilings

✓ Droppings

Small dark pellets near food or along walls

✓ Gnaw Marks

On wood, wires, packaging, or baseboards

✓ Nesting Materials

Shredded paper, fabric, or insulation

✓ Pet Behavior

Unusual alertness or focus on walls/floors

✓ Food Packaging Damage

Small holes or torn corners on stored food

✓ Grease Marks

Dark smudges along baseboards or entry points

✓ Unusual Odors

Musty or ammonia-like smell in enclosed areas

INSPECTION AREAS

Where to Look

Focus your observations on these key areas of your home. Mice tend to travel along walls and prefer dark, undisturbed spaces.



1 Attic

2 Basement

3 Garage

4 Utility Room

5 Crawlspace

6 Kitchen

7 Exterior Foundation

RISK ASSESSMENT

How Concerned Should You Be?

Answer each question based on what you've observed. This isn't a diagnosis, but it can help you decide whether continued monitoring or a professional inspection may be appropriate.

Yes

☐

Have you found droppings?

No

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Droppings are one of the strongest indicators of active mouse activity. Finding fresh droppings in multiple areas often suggests mice are regularly traveling through your home.

Yes

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Have you heard scratching or movement more than twice?

No

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Repeated scratching, especially at night, may indicate mice are moving through walls, ceilings, attics, or crawlspaces rather than a single isolated event.

Yes

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Have you found gnaw marks or damaged materials?

No

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Mice constantly gnaw to keep their teeth from overgrowing. Damage to food packaging, wood, insulation, wiring, or plastic materials can be a sign of ongoing activity.

Yes

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Has the activity increased over time?

No

☐

If you're noticing more signs than you did a few days or weeks ago, the problem may be growing rather than resolving on its own.

Yes

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Have you noticed activity in more than one area of your home?

No

☐

Finding signs in multiple rooms or levels of the home can indicate that mice are traveling throughout the structure rather than remaining in one isolated location.

Yes

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Have you seen a live mouse indoors?

No

☐

Seeing a mouse inside your home—especially during the daytime—often suggests there may be additional mice nearby and warrants closer attention.

RISK ASSESSMENT RESULTS

Your Results



Low Concern (0-1 Yes)

Continue Monitoring

Based on your observations, there may not be enough evidence to suggest ongoing mouse activity. Continue monitoring the areas you've identified and document any new signs over the next few weeks.



Moderate Concern (2-3 Yes)

Consider a Professional Inspection

You've identified several indicators commonly associated with mouse activity. While these observations don't confirm an infestation, a professional inspection may help determine whether further action is necessary.



High Concern (4+ Yes)

A Professional Inspection is Recommended

Multiple indicators suggest there may be active mouse activity within your home. A professional inspection can help confirm the source of the activity, identify potential entry points, and recommend appropriate next steps before the problem worsens.

Remember:

This assessment is intended as an educational tool and cannot confirm whether mice are present. Every home is different, and only a qualified pest professional can determine whether active mouse activity exists and recommend an appropriate course of action.

DECISION GUIDE

When Professional Evaluation May Be Appropriate

Every home is different. The goal isn't to diagnose the problem yourself—it's to decide whether continued monitoring or a professional inspection is the most appropriate next step.

Continue Monitoring

- ☐ Single isolated incident
- ☐ No droppings found
- ☐ Sound heard only once
- ☐ No visible damage
- ☐ Outdoor activity only
- ☐ Seasonal (fall only)

Request an Inspection

- ☒ Multiple signs observed
- ☒ Droppings in several areas
- ☒ Recurring sounds at night
- ☒ Gnaw marks or damage found
- ☒ Signs inside living spaces
- ☒ Activity persists over weeks

When in doubt, a professional evaluation provides peace of mind and clear next steps.



NEXT STEPS

Not Sure What's Causing the Activity?

Professional evaluation may provide additional clarity.

Request a Professional Inspection



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What to Expect

- No-obligation assessment
- Detailed findings report
- Clear recommendations
- Respectful of your home