

Rodent Control

Rats can cause a large range of health problems for humans. They can cause extensive damage to buildings and household goods as they seek food and nest sites. The diseases that rats are more likely to transmit to people or livestock include murine typhus, leptospirosis, trichinosis, salmonellosis (food poisoning), plague and rat bite fever. Rats are often infested with lice, fleas, and mites that transmit other diseases.

They are usually found in abandoned buildings, stores, sewers, gutters, dumps and wastelands.

Rodent control is carried out by the council through regular (twice weekly) collection of refuse, cleaning of barelands, and regular cleaning of drains.

Rodent control within the district is also carried out by in-house labour by a team of employees through the monthly placing of rat poison (Flucomafen, Strategem) in wastelands, near old buildings, bridges and other conspicuous spots.