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Rodent Control and Prevention Tips

The best way to prevent or stop pest infestations at home is to keep pests from getting what they need to live and reproduce. Keep pests from getting food, water, and shelter, and pests will be less likely to settle in your home. Taking the right precautions, such as sealing holes, cracks or crevices pests can use to come into your home can cut down the chances that you'll find pests inside your home. Here are some other helpful tips from US EPA and the CDC websites on controlling and preventing rodent infestations:

- Remove potential rodent nesting sites from your property, including grass, wood or leaf piles.
- Garbage containing food scraps should be placed in tightly covered trash cans. Remove garbage regularly from your home.
- Fix leaky plumbing and don't let water accumulate anywhere in the home.
 Also if possible don't leave pet food and water out overnight as this can be a food and water source for rodents.
- Clutter provides places for pests to breed and hide and makes it hard to get rid of them. Get rid of things like stacks of newspapers, magazines, or cardboard.
- Check for pests in packages, boxes or storage totes before carrying them into your home.

Always remember- Always place traps and baits in places where children and pets cannot reach them.

More information and links to this info can be found on the Spirit Lake Nation EPA website.