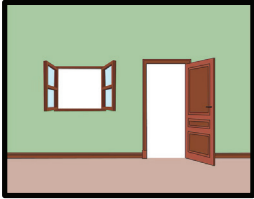


How to safely clean up rodent nests and infested areas

Modified from CDC recommendations by Shujuan Li.

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STEP 1



Before cleaning an infested area, open all windows and doors for 30 minutes. Leave the area during this time. Wear rubber or plastic gloves for cleaning.

STEP 2



Spray the nest and surrounding areas with a disinfectant. Soak for at least 5 minutes or follow the disinfectant label.

STEP 3



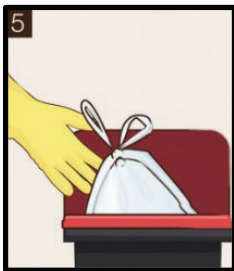
Place the nesting materials and infested items in a plastic bag.

STEP 4



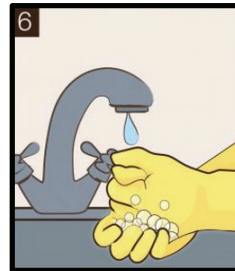
Tie the bag with nesting materials and infested items inside. Place the bag in a second plastic bag.

STEP 5



Throw the bag in a covered garbage can or an external dumpster.

STEP 6



Wash gloved hands with soap and water or a disinfectant before removing gloves.

STEP 7



Wash hands with soap and water after removing gloves.

Remember

Fleas are common on rodents. Use EPA-registered repellents on clothing and shoes while cleaning up nesting materials to reduce risk of flea bites and minimize exposure to flea-borne disease.



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