# How to safely clean up rodent urine and droppings

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### STEP 1

Put on disposable rubber or plastic gloves.



### STEP 2

Spray rodent urine and droppings with 10% bleach solutions or a disinfectant until wet. Soak for at least 5 minutes or follow the disinfectant label.



### STEP 3

Use paper towels to wipe up the the wet materials.



### STEP 4

Throw used paper towels into the trash.



## STEP 5

Clean the area with a disinfectant to kill germs. Follow the disinfectant label.



### 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

Do **NOT** sweep or vacuum rodent urine or droppings. It can stir up harmful particles and make them airborne. You can breathe in hantavirus germs.



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