

Cleaning Up After Rodents

(or birds or bats)



Follow these steps when cleaning up after rodents, particularly, if deer mice have been suspected:

1. Wear latex or rubber gloves.
2. Do not vacuum, sweep or dust. This may spread the hantavirus through the air.
3. Mix a solution of 1 cup bleach to 10 cups water and clean with rags, sponges and mops that have been soaked in the solution.
4. Thoroughly spray or soak dead rodents, droppings or nesting areas with the bleach solution.
5. Wipe down all counter tops, cabinets and drawers, and mop floors and baseboards.
6. Steam clean carpets, rugs and upholstered furniture.
7. Wash clothes and bedding in hot water and detergent. Set dryer on high.
8. Seal contaminated items, including dead rodents, in a plastic bag. Be sure bag is sealed before putting in an outside garbage can.
9. Disinfect and throw away your gloves.
10. Wash hands thoroughly and shower with soap and hot water.

If cleaning a building that has been closed up: (such as cabin, shed or garage)

- Air building for 30 minutes by opening windows and doors
- Leave building while it is airing out
- Wear gloves and a dust mask before entering and while cleaning
- Follow steps 1-10 above
- Spray any dirt floors with bleach solution.

Rodents and their droppings spread disease – use caution



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