



PEST MEMO IN REGARDS TO MICE [SANITATION + CULTURAL PRACTICES]

Professional pest management is a vital, integral component in ridding buildings of commensal mice however it is not a magic wand. Any successful pest control program involves a cooperative effort with management, staff, vendors and EHS. We must work together to achieve the same goal which is to eliminate mice from the structure.

Mice are, for the most part, nocturnal and are afraid of bright lights & people but they occasionally explore their environment and forage for food during the day when forced to do so. Mice are opportunistic omnivores with amazing survival instincts. They will literally eat anything in order to gain nourishment, things you would not even remotely consider edible! Remove ALL competitive food sources no matter how insignificant you think it is. Pest management control devices are less effective in areas where there is a rival food source. If mice have been conditioned to feeding on a certain item it is difficult to break them of this behavior.

- ✚ **The first step in getting rid of mice is to stop feeding them. Mice are in your facility because they enjoy the food you are giving them.**
 - ✓ Keep all food in sealed plastic or metal containers.
 - ✓ Do not keep open food in desks & other rooms.
 - ✓ Do not leave used food wrappers & beverage cans in accessible areas.
 - ✓ All trash cans should be covered & trash disposed of on a regular basis.

- ✚ **Cleaning....Since mice only need a few grams of food per day something as simple as a spilled beverage stain or some crumbs will enable them to survive.**
 - ✓ Vacuum all crumbs+ debris on a regular basis.
 - ✓ Mop & clean all food areas on a regular basis.

- ✚ **Mice also love the shelter you are providing. Remove any cluttered areas. Clutter + stored items provide safe harborage for mice and protects them from their enemies, it also prevents service access for the EHS service specialist.**
 - ✓ Remove any boxes or other items piled in a corner or other place for too long.

- ✚ **Report all mice sightings and/or evidence to management or EHS. You are the eyes and ears of the facility or our "mobile monitors" so reporting mice = immediate response + action on our part.**



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