

Signs of mice checklist

Walk the house with a flashlight and tick each spot with a sign.

INSIDE, ROOM BY ROOM

- ☐ **Kitchen.** Droppings in cabinets, drawers and other spots out of plain sight.
- ☐ **Under the sink.** Droppings, gnawing or an oily mark where the pipes go in.
- ☐ **Pantry.** Chewed corners on boxes and bags, and droppings on the shelves.
- ☐ **Along the walls.** Faint, greasy rub marks and droppings where they run.
- ☐ **Closets and storage.** A nest of finely shredded paper or other soft stuff.
- ☐ **Basement.** Droppings or gnawing along the top of the foundation wall.
- ☐ **Garage.** Droppings, a nest, or gnawed mulch bags and patio cushions.

AFTER DARK, THEN OUTSIDE

- ☐ **Listen at night.** Scratching or scurrying in the walls or ceiling once it's quiet.
- ☐ **Walk the foundation.** Look where pipes and wires go in for droppings or a dirty mark. A hole dug in the dirt points to rats.

LAST STOP

- ☐ **Clean one spot, then check back.** Gloves on. Spray it until it's very wet, let it soak, wipe it up. Never sweep. Look again in a day or two. New droppings mean they're still around.

Based on CDC, UC IPM, Penn State, ICWDM, Health Canada and MSU Extension.