Pest Control

White Horse Housing Association approach to Pest Control at your property .

"To be a trusted provider of excellent services and affordable, sustainable homes, working together with Rural Communities".

STOP!

Before you call in expensive expert pest control, get to know your pest, you may be able to control it yourself.

The Association will assess the problem over the telephone but this leaflet is also available to give you some simple and practical advice.

With the right information you can do it yourself. But at all times use plenty of caution.

Some aspects of pest management are not suited to DIY pest control techniques. But there are things you can do right now to reduce pest problems in your property.

Read this leaflet through and then decide whether you feel competent to tackle any pest problems yourself.   If you don't - don't! Be safe, not sorry.

Prevention is better than a cure.

Keep pests out of your life and you won't have to resort to using pest control measures or worse, paying for pest control yourself.

Insects, rodents and other pests enter our homes looking for food, water and shelter. By restricting these commodities and preventing their entry into your home you will save money.

Outside:
- Keep your garden clean and free of debris, remove vegetation, timber, leaves and any potential hiding places for rodents and insects.
- Seal any cracks and crevices in the outside structure of the building.
- Ensure all ventilation ducts have close fitting screens.
- Ensure doors and windows fit closely.
- Try to resist feeding birds and animals in the garden, particularly on the ground.
- Poultry are a magnet for rats, mice, lice, mink, foxes etc. **So we don't allow the keeping of poultry.**

Inside:

- Ensure piles of clothes and other debris do not accumulate.
- Ensure waste and spilled food is cleaned up daily.
- Vacuum regularly to eliminate the build up of dust and debris.
- Keep your pets clean and free of fleas, ticks, worms and lice.

If you have to control a pest:

In a home or work situation you should always work on the basis of a presumption against using pesticides - particularly where children and pets are present.
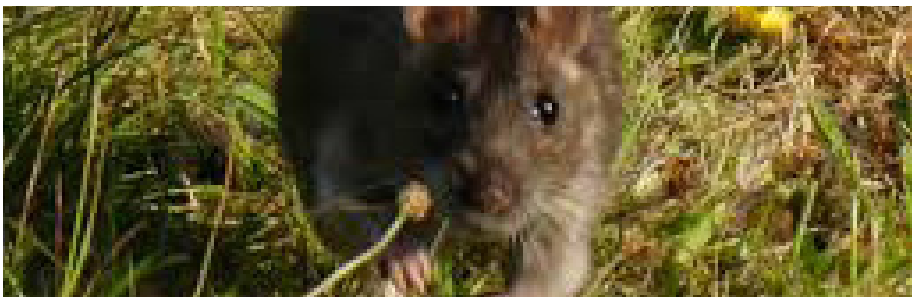
Most of our **common** pest problems can be resolved perfectly well without resorting to synthetic pesticides. Look for the least toxic solution first.

Before you use pesticides:

- Learn all you can about the targeted pest.
- Read, understand and follow directions on the product label.
- Plan your campaign.
- Monitor your results.

Storage and disposal of pesticides:

- Store pesticides out of reach of children and pets.
- Store pesticides in their original containers complete with labels.
- Only buy as much pesticide as you need for your current task.
- Don't dispose of surplus pesticide by flushing it down the toilet and drain.
- Consult your local council for a safe disposal facility for unwanted pesticides.
- Dispose of empty pesticide containers in your normal household waste, first double wrapping the container in newspaper.
- Don't recycle empty containers or use them for alternative purposes.

Contact your local council and ask for
Environmental Health/Pest Control.

Wiltshire Council
Telephone: 0300 456 0107
Email: pestcontrol@wiltshire.gov.uk

Bath & North East Somerset Council
Telephone: 01225 396007
Email: council_connect@bathnes.gov.uk

Somerset Council
Telephone: 0300 123 2224

Other local authorities where we operate i.e. Swindon, unfortunately do not offer a pest control service. However, most household pests can be treated effectively and cheaply by the householder. For difficult infestations or particular pests it may be advisable to contact a specialist provider by looking on the internet, in a local directory.
Always agree a price when contacting a specialist.

If you require further advise, please call the office on 01380 850916.

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