How to Inspect for Rodents

Live Rodents
Switch on lights in a dark room and look and listen for scampering rodents. Move long stored merchandise to uncover harborage.

Gnawings
Look for signs around doors, windows, utility lines and packaged goods, especially in food storages.

Burrows
Holes and fresh diggings about foundations, under floors, sidewalks, platforms, embankments — all may mean rodents.

Droppings
Fresh droppings are a sure sign. Look behind objects near walls and in places seldom cleaned or disturbed.

Tracks
Examine dusty places for rodent tracks. If not visible, dust flour lightly along suspected runways and observe for a few days. Clean up flour so as not to attract insects.

Smears
Look for darkened areas along walls adjacent to pipes, beams and openings where rats travel.

Test Baiting
Place food where rodents can find it and observe results.

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