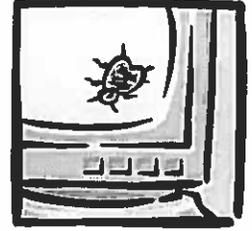




Helpful Hints to Avoid Common Pests in the Workplace



- **Store all food in tightly-sealed containers or in the fridge.**
Glass jars and metal containers, such as cookie tins, are best. Mice can chew through paper, plastic, wood, cardboard, and Styrofoam containers. Mice can get into most desks and files; they are excellent climbers and can squeeze through holes the size of a dime!
- **Do not leave food garbage in trash cans overnight.**
It attracts rodents and insects, such as ants, flies, and cockroaches. If the custodian has already come that day, it is wise to take food garbage to an outside trash bin. If your trash is not picked up daily, you can use trash bins that do have daily pickup, such as those in rest rooms. To avoid fruit fly infestations, ask your custodian for new can liners when they are dirty.
- **Clean up crumbs and leave dishes clean at night.**
Food residues attract pests.
- **Store materials on shelves at least 12 inches from the floor.**
Rodents and cockroaches like to use cardboard boxes, paper bags, and newspapers as nesting materials, especially if they are on the floor. Recycle these items frequently.
- **Rinse cans and bottles before recycling them.**
To discourage insects such as cockroaches, ants and fruit flies, keep these items in sealed bags.
- **Keep windows closed at night.**
Though it is a rare occurrence, roof rats can come in windows at night, even on the 5th and 6th floors.



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