

## **Habitat Alteration - (Often associated with pack rats.)**

- Routinely vacuum all indoor cracks, crevices and thatch and caulk or cover with plaster.
- Screen all windows, doors and vents since conenoses are attracted to lights at night. (So make light traps.)
- Never leave bird seed or stored products that are attractive to rodents in intermittently occupied structures, unless they are kept in sealed, rodent-proof containers.
- Close entrance holes and caulk potential openings in structures.
- Remove (pack) rat nests and detritus within 100 yards or more and then dust with food-grade DE.
- Thoroughly and routinely vacuum the entire area and clean with Safe Solutions Enzyme Cleaners.
- Place duct tape sticky side up around all beds and the corners of the rooms; you can hold it in place with masking tape on the edges or make Vaseline® barriers.
- Wear dust masks when performing any procedures involving dust from fecal droppings, guano, etc.
- Try lightly dusting ongoing infestations with talcum powder or baking soda, or Neasorb®, medicated body powder or as a last resort food-grade DE. Steam clean all surfaces and cracks with a steam cleaner.
- Alter or eliminate any rodent harborage outside near the structure.
- Use light bulbs that do not attract insects in outside light fixtures, or relocate them or make light traps.
- Eliminate breeding areas. Stack all lumber, flower pots, firewood, etc. 6" off the ground.
- Routinely clean with borax or with steam, or Safe Solutions Enzyme Cleaner with Peppermint and sodium borate. Spray with Not Nice to Bugs® and/or lightly dust with food-grade DE as needed.
- Install free-range Guinea fowl outside.

## **Intelligent Pest Management® Control**

- Inspect all bedding, cracks in floors and walls and under beds and furniture.
- Vacuum thoroughly. Routinely clean thoroughly with Safe Solutions, Inc. enzyme cleaners with or without peppermint. Install light traps inside and outside if possible. See Chapter 11.
- If necessary, apply a light application of a non-volatile desiccating dust, e.g., with talcum powder, Comet® and/or boric acid or food-grade diatomaceous earth (DE) in nest areas to kill bugs that may hatch out later or you may simply vacuum and then caulk and seal off these areas.

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