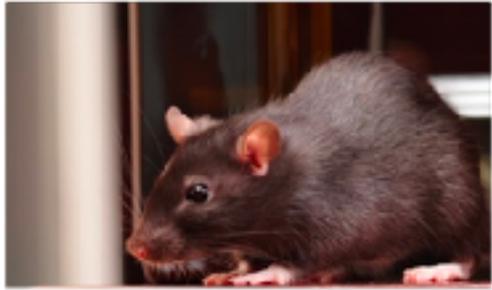


Relax Newsletter

Monthly Tenant Tips, Trips, and Teachings

Rat Prevention



January bugs and critters are cold and coming in. What can you do?

First if you see or hear critters in the walls or attic place a maintenance call. Owners are responsible for their removal. It is an awful process and if they die in the walls we just have to wait until they decompose, so **prevention** is the key.

- Walk around your home and see if there are any obvious holes that rats can get into the home. Is there a soffit that fell down, wood or fascia that is rotted too much?
- Do you see any holes in the walls or gaps in windows or door that would allow intrusion?
- Look under your sinks, are there any holes in the cabinets? Put copper mesh in these.
- Keep all trash picked up outside. Landscape debris is the perfect habitat for them so clean up the yard. Keep all food in the fridge or microwave. They LOVE pet food so keep this in a container and preferably in the microwave so they can't smell it. Pick up the water bowl overnight

People swear by these: [No Poison Pet Control Aid for Rats and All Bugs](#)

If rats come into the house and the pest control company finds that these preventative measures are the cause, it isn't fair that the owner pay 100% for the removal. You will be responsible for some of the cost.

Here are some other great tips: <https://www.wikihow.com/Keep-Rats-Away>
Removal is a Multistep process at a cost of \$400 minimum:

1

STOP THE ENTRY

Outside Entry Points
will be closed

2

TRAP WHAT IS INSIDE

Might take a week

3

BAIT STATIONS OUTSIDE

Rats should leave
area



Soffits Main Cause of intrusion

Report roof repairs



Dryer Vents

Make sure this is not
open

Remove leaves and debris



They love to live
and breed in dead
leaves, pine needles
and trash piles

Local Trips to Explore this Month

The 2020 Embracing Our Differences is an International Art and Quotation Exhibit that is **FREE** and on display at Sarasota's Bayfront Park January 18-April 5. This year's exhibit had an impressive response to the call for artwork and inspirational quotes, with 11,791 entries pouring in from 111 countries and 44 states. Students from 239 schools around the world submitted artwork or quotes to the juried exhibit and more than 70% of this year's submissions were from students.



Siesta Key Drum Circle- Every Sunday evening at sunset Public Beach at Siesta Key Bring your chair and settle in for a fun sunset ritual at the drum circle Young and old enjoy the beat ...it is 1 hour before sunset, just south of the main pavilion between lifeguard stands 3 and 4 on Siesta Public Beach. *Tip- Park off the island and ride the SCAT bus there. Parking can be challenging.*

PODCASTS - YOU CAN LEARN ANYTHING

Podcasts aren't only good entertainment, but also great education. The time you'd normally spend doing those mindless chores or exercising can be used to help you prepare for the next phase of your career.

There are a ton of shows out there that teach you about specific fields of study and career paths. Every subject is covered.

Want more money- get more education-this way is free



Since we commemorate Martin Luther King Jr. this month, let's all practice his teachings:

"The time is always right to do what is right."

"I refuse to accept the view that mankind is so tragically bound to the starless midnight of racism and war that the bright daybreak of peace and brotherhood can never become a reality...I believe that unarmed truth and unconditional love will have the final work."