

Pest Management Services

FACT SHEET

About Pest Management Services

The Pest Management Services Division of MPH D conducts inspections to manage pests such as mosquitoes, ticks, rats, mice, and others that are capable of spreading diseases in Nashville/Davidson County.

In addition to responding to service requests, the Pest Management Services Division also inspects known breeding sites for mosquitoes and set traps to collect mosquitoes. Trapped mosquitoes are tested at the state laboratory for the presence of diseases such as West Nile virus.

About Services

- **Educational Activities** – Participate in community activities and meet with school age students to discuss pest management issues.
- **Mosquito Control** – Inspect premises for breeding sites. Apply larvicides as appropriate. Provide educational activities, set traps and test mosquitoes in the laboratory. When the Director of Health determines there is a public health emergency, adulticides (spraying) may be applied.
- **Rodent Control** - Premises are inspected, looking for rat signs near foundations, fence rows, chicken and/or dog pens, bird feeders, garbage containers, etc. If rat signs are located, owners/occupants will sign a consent form giving permission to place an approved rodenticide on property, when indicated. Rodenticides will not be applied if owner is not complying with instructions to reduce food and shelter sources for rodents. If owners/occupants refuse services, an "Abate Nuisance" notice is issued.
- **Cockroach Control** - Residential - Inspect, identify, and provide information regarding methods for control.
- **Mouse Control** – Residential - Inspect, identify, and provide information regarding methods for control.
- **Fly Control** - Inspect area to locate source of breeding and issue notice to clean up.
- **Flea Control** - Issue owner notice to employ measures for control of fleas.
- **Tick Control** - Inspect, identify, and provide information regarding methods for the control of ticks.
- **Bed Bugs** –Provide information necessary to help homeowners control the pest. We may inspect apartment units to confirm presence of bed bugs. We will verify with the management that they have a pest control professional working to control the bed bugs.
- **Other Pests** - Inspect, identify, and provide information regarding methods for the control of other pests or refer to other agencies.

By the Numbers: *

- Completed 7,365 inspections
- Completed 2,267 service requests
- Collected 1,996 mosquito pools for laboratory testing

**Numbers reflect FY2014*

