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## Greetings!

Roof Rat populations continue to increase significantly throughout Thurston County and the onset of cooler weather has caused the number of infestations we're experiencing to increase even more! Please read on for a few useful reminders to help keep rats from establishing (or re-establishing) themselves inside your home.

**Regular inspections** are crucial in the endeavor to stay rodent-free. Crawl space covers must be sealed tightly on all sides so that there is no opening larger than **1/4th inch**. Vent screens in the foundation and under the eaves are also common access points and must be kept in good repair. If we are currently servicing your home for rats, rest assured that our technicians are on the lookout for these conditions and are prepared to offer further recommendations for rodent prevention or control as it becomes necessary.

Once rodents establish themselves in an area, their excrement leaves a scent behind which is like an invitation for other rodents to enter. Often these new intruders become determined to gain access into your home or crawl space and will find new ways to burrow under, chew through, or cause damage to newly-repaired screens.

It is also important to keep in mind that **control is more successful when neighbors work together to reduce the overall populations within their neighborhood**. Please feel free to share this information with your neighbors, friends and family and direct them our way with questions regarding rodent control. For further incentive, we've included a **FREE Rat Evaluation** coupon below for you to share as well.

Wishing you a warm, safe, and rat-free holiday season!

The Venables Pest Management Team



## Rat Prevention Tips:

1. Keep tree branches and other vegetation trimmed back at least 18" away from your house.
2. Keep all pet food, garbage and compost in sealed containers.
3. Do not leave pet food out for extended periods of time.
4. Seal or screen all gaps, cracks, and holes around the exterior of your house. Inspect regularly and repair promptly.

**Remember that openings greater than 1/4th inch can allow rodent access. That's the size of a pencil eraser!**



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## 1 FREE Rat Evaluation

Your FREE Rat Evaluation (\$85 value) will include an inspection around the exterior of your home for rats and conditions conducive to rat infestations. Upon completion of the inspection, your technician will share all rat-related findings and recommendations.

**To schedule your FREE Rat Evaluation, call Venables Pest at (360) 456-4999.**

**THE FINE PRINT:** Redeemable for 1 FREE Rat Evaluation. This evaluation may not take the place of a Complete Wood Destroying Organism Inspection Report (used for real estate transactions). May be used for single-residency homes located in Thurston County, WA only. **Offer expires Jan 31, 2014.**