

Found droppings? Do this.

Work from the top down, and keep your bare hands off them.

BEFORE YOU TOUCH ANYTHING

- ☐ **Don't sweep or vacuum them.** That can put tiny droplets with viruses in the air.
- ☐ **Take a photo with a coin or a ruler next to them.**
- ☐ **Measure a few.** Mouse: 1/8 to 1/4 inch. Rat: about 1/2 inch or more, even if pointed.
- ☐ **Look for bits of insects.** ICWDM says bat droppings have them.

CLEANING UP, THE WET WAY

- ☐ **Air it out for 30 minutes, as best you can.** Open doors and windows and step out.
- ☐ **Put on rubber or plastic gloves.**
- ☐ **Spray them very wet.** Use a disinfectant, or 1.5 cups of bleach in 1 gallon of water, made fresh.
- ☐ **Let it soak 5 minutes, or as the label says.** Then wipe up with paper towels, toss them in a covered trash can, and mop or sponge the spot with disinfectant.
- ☐ **Wash your gloved hands, then take the gloves off.** Then wash your hands with soap.

OVER THE NEXT FEW DAYS

- ☐ **Check the spot you cleaned.** New droppings there mean they're still coming around.

Based on the CDC's rodent clean-up steps, Texas A&M AgriLife, ICWDM and Cornell's NYS IPM program.