



# Neighbors fed up with rat-infested, smelly home in Orlando neighborhood

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People in an Orange County neighborhood said their neighbor's house is infested with rats, which are now sneaking into their homes.

County officials are now involved and have declared the house a public health threat.

Rats can be seen crawling on windowsills of the home from across the street.

People who live in the neighborhood on Delaney Street in Orlando said they've even spotted rats in the trees, but the homeowner doesn't seem to care.

"It's filthy. It's toxic," said resident Kris Zara.

Many residents on the street agree.

"It's sickening. There's a rat right there," said resident Ross McCoy, who lives next door to the rat-infested home.

From McCoy's backyard, rats can frequently be seen through all the windows of the home.

He said what makes the problem worse is that the rats don't stay next door.

"There's a rat from my neighbor's house in my house now, with my kids, and it's awful," said McCoy.

From McCoy's home, a tree is visible growing out of the neighbor's home.

"This is the tree growing out of the actual roof itself," said McCoy.

Residents said along with the rats, there's a terrible smell emanating from the home.

"Anywhere on the street, you smell it," Zara said.

A notice from Orange County Code Enforcement calling the property a public health risk sits outside the home.

The notice said the debris covering the front lawn is dangerous.

Channel 9 reporter Mike Manzoni called the number on the notice but no one answered.

“It’s absolutely disgusting. My kids won’t go outside and play. Nobody wants to be out here,” said Zara.

Manzoni also tried to talk to the man who lives in the home, but no one answered the door.