



Rat infestations found in every zip code in Southern Nevada

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LAS VEGAS (KSNV News3LV) — Rats are now a problem year-round in the valley.

The disturbing part? As the weather gets colder, they're more likely to leave the garden and come inside of your home for warmth.

Las Vegas Pest Control tells News 3 they've been putting out more bait boxes in the south part of town. The rats go into the boxes, eat the poison inside and die within 24-hours.

A little good news, the health district has done surveillance for rodent disease and they haven't found any. The local population is pretty healthy, but that doesn't mean homeowners should let the problem go.

"Rats can squeeze into very small gaps. So really anything more than 1/4 inch, you should seal up in terms of access points to your home," said Vivek Raman, Environmental Health Supervisor.

Technicians tell News 3 that they've found rats almost anywhere you can imagine. They've been found in pipes, they can chew through walls and insulation and even destroy the engine block of a car.

Rats aren't just a problem in the south part of town. They're been found in every zip code.

Pest control specialists say trimming back trees and bushes will help take away breeding areas.