

Rats scurry around Todt Hill houses

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STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. -- Kathleen Muniz of Castleton Corners wants to be able to walk out her front door without seeing rats, but they appear to be multiplying as the days go on.

Muniz, who lives in the Todt Hill Houses on Manor Road, says that the rat infestation around her building is getting worse and nothing is being done about it.

"It's getting worse; it's not even mice any more, it's rats. They're rats," Muniz said.

"I'm a size 7 shoe and they're actually bigger than my feet," she said.

She said complaints have been placed to the New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA), as well as the property's management, but no corrective action has been taken.

When asked about the rodents on the property, a spokeswoman for NYCHA said the agency hasn't "been made aware of any issues at this location" and there is "no record of any complaints made."

The superintendent of the Todt Hill houses declined to comment on the rats specifically, but said: "I deal with problems or issues as they arise. ..."

In the meantime, rats continue to scurry along the property, from along the building walls to the dumpsters and benches, as seen in the above video.

"It's just a horrible situation; it's deplorable that I have to look out of my window every day and see that it's disgusting. Something has to be done," Muniz said.

"All I want is to be able to walk outside and not see rats."