Background Information about Mice:
Mice are masters at finding their way into structures and tend to live in close association with humans and are remarkably well-adapted for living year-round inside of structures. Rodent populations will grow as large as their food and shelter will permit, thus the key to control of any mouse problem must focus on eliminating food resources, reducing interior nesting opportunities and excluding access into the structure.

There are several ways that people typically become aware that mice are present:
1. Evidence of mouse droppings left in areas that they have visited (resemble dark grains of rice)
2. Damage to food packages is observed (holes gnawed through packages or food consumed)
3. Visual observation of mice inside of the structure

About Today’s Service Call:
Our service consisted of an inspection of your living environment to evaluate and better understand the nature of the rodent activity as it relates to your inquiry. Opportunities for mouse entry, nesting and food availability were considered. One or more of the following control measures were implemented based upon our findings:
- Sealing of suspected routes of entry or travel routes
- Installation of rodenticides in tamper resistant bait stations
- Installation of mechanical trapping devices

Our findings and recommendations will be reported to Rutgers University Housing to ensure that the rodent activity is addressed in an effective and efficient manner.

What Should You Expect:
1. Control may take up to 1-2 Weeks:
   Mice are curious animals so they should begin to investigate our various control measures within a few days. Mice that have fed on rodent bait do not die immediately, instead it takes several days for these materials to work. Even though mice may be feeding on the bait that has been placed out, it may take up to a week or more to see results.

2. Call your Campus Housing Office If:
   - If you continue to see mice after 2 weeks from today’s service to schedule a follow up visit.
   - If you observe dead mice- It is unlikely that you will see dead or dying mice however there is a small possibility that this may occur. If this does happen you should alert your Campus Housing Office so the mice can be properly discarded.

What Can You Do to Help?
The best way to discourage these pests is to eliminate possible sources of food and shelter! There are some fairly simple ways to do this.
- Don’t leave open food or dirty dishes out overnight or while you are away in classes, visiting friends etc.
- Do not leave open containers of food on counters or cabinets
- Keep all food items, snacks, candy or pet foods in sealed metal, plastic or glass containers that mice cannot chew through or store them in your refrigerator
- Store trash in a metal container with a tight cover or remove all food trash from daily so that food is not available overnight (mice are primarily nocturnal animals)
- Keep the counters and floor clean especially under & behind refrigerators, ovens, sinks etc.
- Eliminate clutter on floors, in closets, on furniture, beneath beds (mice will look for areas that provide protection)
- Contact Rutgers Housing if the rodent activity persists for more than 2 weeks following today’s visit
- If you call your Campus Housing Office for a service, please be specific in describing where you have seen activity.