

# HINTS FOR HOMEOWNERS

## Protecting Your Home Against Rodent Infestation

(NAPSA)—For many, getting ready for winter means preparing seasonal treats or hosting family gatherings, but for others, it means bracing your home for the arrival of colder weather and all that it entails.

Home improvement expert Lou Manfredini, aka Mr. Fix-It, cautions, "It is important for homeowners to take an active role in the upkeep of their homes. By regularly checking your home's foundation, as well as its furnace, chimney and heating system, you can preserve energy, as well as help prevent a possible rodent infestation during the winter months."

Mr. Fix-It offers the following advice on how to safely and effectively prepare your home for the winter:

- Caulk any cracked walls and/or areas around entry points leading to the outdoors. By sealing leaks around windows and doors, you will help keep heat and moisture in and pesky critters out.

- Cleaning out clogged gutters helps prevent an overflow of water and possibly flooding. Make sure you are comfortable with ladders and take the extra step to tie it off at the roof level. Never overreach.

- Hire a professional chimney sweep to check the chimney. Have your HVAC system checked and cleaned. Regular cleaning will help keep your heating system in optimal working condition and



**When winterizing your home, be sure to seal in heat and seal out rodents and other pests.**

save energy.

- Check insulation, particularly in your home's attic and basement. It is critical to regularly inspect the perimeter of your home during the winter months.

- As the temperature drops, rodents often make their way into homes in search of food, water and a warm place to sleep. To help prevent the arrival of these unwelcome guests, keep a tight lid on indoor and outdoor garbage cans and keep a supply of d-CON® Rodenticides baits and traps on hand to help prevent a rodent infestation.

For more information on rodent prevention, or for a free brochure, you can call d-CON Rodenticides at 1-800-395-3266.