

Pests in the home

Worthing Homes do not get rid of pest except in communal areas.

The resident is responsible for this and it can be done either by contacting Worthing Borough Council (WBC) on 01903 221064 or by home methods (bait and traps bought from hardware shops)

WBC will attend to the following (prices and policy correct as at August 2011)

Rats	No Charge	
Mice	£56	On benefits £17.50
Wasps	£44	No concessions
Fleas	£62	No concessions
Cockroaches	£62	On benefits £30
Bedbugs	£62	On benefits £30

WBC does not cover foxes, rabbits, squirrels, moles or birds

Its important that rats and squirrels are eradicated quickly as not only are they a health risk but they can also cause extensive damage to the property. They are capable of gnawing through a range of materials including electric cabling, which could cause fire or electrocution.

Worthing Homes can help by blocking access points so please report any breaches to our maintenance team

- Make sure that air bricks are in place and in tact (do not block them)
- look for access points around gas, electricity and water pipes
- check that doors fit tightly
- fit cone guards around the bottom of drainpipes to prevent rats from climbing up (available from DIY or hardware shops)
- fit metal balloon guards to the bottom of drainpipes to prevent them climbing up the inside (available from DIY or hardware shops)
- Ensure fascia and soffit boards are free from holes