

IACUC Guideline for Pest Control at UWM

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- Pest control is the monitoring for pest infestation in the animal facility. Pests can be considered as wild rodents or insects.
- The Lapham and Garland facilities have bait set out for monitoring.
- Rodent bait blocks within bait stations are located behind the carcass freezers in the necropsy room, Lapham B57H, along the walls in the bedding storage room, Lapham B53C, and in the food storage area, Lapham B53B. Bait stations are also kept behind the frog tanks in Lapham NB3.
- There are live traps in Garland 120 and Garland 436 near food and bedding storage.
- Live traps containing food pellets are kept along the walls in all animal rooms housing mice in the Lapham facility.
- The date of placement is recorded on the live traps.
- Live traps are checked at least weekly during room cleaning and/or animal health checks.
- Food pellets are replaced every 6 months.
- Rooms in both facilities are monitored for insect presence at all times
- Live traps are checked for the presence of trapped animals. All findings are recorded in the monitoring binder.
- If any wild animal presence is detected, the custodial supervisor should be contacted to plan a more aggressive pest control procedure.
- Any animals found in traps should be euthanized immediately (if still alive).
- Caution should be taken when handling any wild animals that may be caught. Gloves and thorough hand washing is recommended after handling.
- Any indication of insect infestations should also be reported to custodial services immediately. Insect infestations usually consist of ants in the Lapham Hall facility, or any number of insects in the Garland/Pearse facility. Food and bedding barrels and shipments should be monitored closely for any evidence of insects or rodents.
- At the School of Freshwater Sciences any evidence or suspicion that an area has vermin should be reported to the building chair. He/She can set traps and monitor them or can report the problem to building/custodial supervisors to have the problem addressed with an outside vendor.