



East End Pest

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ATTENTION !

WE ARE CURRENTLY EXPERIENCING A ACORN BOOM CROP OR MASTING CYCLE. THIS OCCURENCE CAN GREATLY EFFECT RODENT POPULATIONS ON THE EAST END. PLEASE READ FOR MORE INFORMATION:

An **acorn boom crop** refers to a year when oak trees produce a significantly higher-than-average amount of acorns. This phenomenon is part of a natural cycle known as **masting**, where certain trees like oaks produce large crops of seeds (acorns) every few years.

Impact on Wildlife Populations:

- An acorn boom can lead to an increase in populations of animals that rely on acorns for food, such as deer, squirrels, and rodents.
- **Rodents**, like mice and rats, are particularly important because their populations may spike after a boom year due to the abundance of food.
- Increased rodent populations can lead to more home and business invasions as they seek shelter during colder months.

Rodent Infestations:

- The boom in rodent populations can result in a need for pest control services, particularly during the fall and winter when the acorns are gone, and rodents start moving into buildings for food and warmth.
- As rodents flourish, **secondary pests** like ticks may also increase, since ticks often use rodents as hosts. This could lead to an uptick in tick-borne diseases and an increase in pest control treatments targeting ticks.

Monitoring and Inspection:

- **Regular Inspections:** Routine inspections of high-risk areas like basements, attics, and kitchens can help catch early signs of rodent activity. Look for droppings, gnaw marks, and greasy rub marks along walls and baseboards.
- **Rodent Monitoring Tools:** Use **bait stations** strategically placed along common rodent pathways (near walls, behind appliances, or in dark corners). These tools help track and manage rodent presence.
- **Continued Monitoring:** After implementing rodent control measures, continuous monitoring is necessary to prevent re-infestation. We regularly check for signs of rodent activity.

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