



Arvada woman says apartment rat infestation is ruining her life

Management: doing everything to resolve issue

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ARVADA, Colo. -- An Arvada woman says she is sick and tired of living in a rat-infested apartment and called Denver7 after she says the management company failed to do enough about wha she says has become a severe health issue.

Anne Haines has lived at the Mesa Verde Apartment Homes since December. She noticed rats made their way into her home two months ago.

"Sometimes I feel like there's a rat universe in the whole building, part of their little rat world. It's really that gross," said Haines. "They had burrowed two holes on either side of the toilet. Two holes."

The rats chewed through her cabinets, ended up in her silverware drawer, her hot sauce packets and almost all of her food.

"They managed to finagle three tortillas from the top of my refrigerator to underneath my couch."

It's not just her, either.

"Almost everybody on the row of my level of apartments has small children. I would be coming undone. I would be coming undone if I had small kids in this building," said Haines.

Anne Cutler lives with her daughter and young granddaughter, next door to Haines.

"I don't think anybody should have to live under these conditions at all."

A spokesperson with Kramer Management and Realty, Inc. tells Denver 7, the rat issue started when they had to cut the grass surrounding the creek that butts up along the back of the apartment complex.

Haines doesn't buy it. She said Terminix has only been by three times in the last two months and she's ready to take things into her own hands.

"I want six cats and you're not gonna charge me. I need six cats and that's how this is gonna go."

Haines says something has got to change, but she is stuck because she can't afford to go anywhere else.

"Boarding them up and feeding them poison is not really solving the problem," said Haines.