**SECTION 304 RODENTPROOFING   
  
304.1 General.**   
Plumbing systems shall be designed and installed in accordance with [Sections 304.2](javascript:Next('./icod_ipc_2012_3_par015.htm');) through [304.4](javascript:Next('./icod_ipc_2012_3_par017.htm');) to prevent rodents from entering structures.  **304.2 Strainer plates.**   
All strainer plates on drain inlets shall be designed and installed so that all openings are not greater than 1/2 inch (12.7 mm) in least dimension.  **304.3 Meter boxes.**   
Meter boxes shall be constructed in such a manner that rodents are prevented from entering a structure by way of the water service pipes connecting the meter box and the structure.  **304.4 Openings for pipes.**   
In or on structures where openings have been made in walls, floors or ceilings for the passage of pipes, the annular space between the pipe and the sides of the opening shall be sealed with caulking materials or closed with gasketing systems compatible with the piping materials and locations.