



Rat Control

Rats are common in urban areas. The risk of rats spreading diseases is low, but they can cause damage to homes and property. While rats generally avoid contact with humans, they will enter your home to seek food, water and shelter if given a chance.

Prevent Rat Infestations

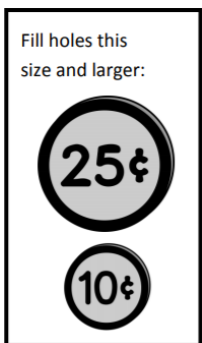
Rats thrive in areas where there is easy access to food, water and shelter. Rats tend to stay within 30 metres (100 ft.) of their burrow or shelter. That's why it's important to talk to your neighbours and work together!



- Remove clutter and places they can hide from around your yard.
- Cut tall grass/weeds and keep bushes and trees trimmed back from your house.
- Remove food sources such as birdseed, pet food, and fallen fruits.
- Secure garbage in containers with tight-fitting lids.
- Keep fatty or oily food waste, eggs, or milk products out of composters
- Use a layer of heavy metal mesh between the soil and the bottom of composter.
- Clean up dog feces in yards, as this is a food source for rats.
- Eliminate water sources such as leaky taps.

Rodent Proof your home

If you see rats or signs of them (feces, chew marks, bedding, a dead rat), **SEAL UP, TRAP UP** and **CLEAN UP**.

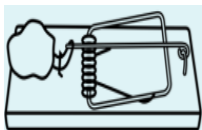


SEAL UP!

- Close up easy entry points into your home, such as cracks in walls and foundations.
- Cover dryer vents, attic vents and soffits with mesh metal screening.
- Use metal weather stripping under doors and weather strip windows.

***Also be sure to check garages and sheds**

TRAP UP!



Hardware stores sell traps and pesticides which can help homeowners eliminate rats. It is important to always use caution when using these devices. Always follow manufactures guidelines to prevent accidental contact with people and pets and use products specifically designed for rats. You can also contact a licensed pest control contractor for further assistances.