

Health Regulation and Licensing Administration
Office of Food, Drug, Radiation and Community Hygiene
Rodent and Vector Control Division

RAT RIDDANCE

Control Tips for Residents

Residents, visitors and business owners, let's work together to reduce rodent activity in our city!

- Seal all holes in exterior walls, floors and foundations using sheet metal, cement or wire mesh and seal basement windows with wire mesh
- Eliminate all clutter around the outside of homes and under porches
- Store any garbage in metal or heavy plastic containers with tight-fitting lids and place trash at point of collection shortly before pickup — not days in advance
- Remove weeds and debris near your property/ yards where rats can hide easily. Plants such as English Ivy, Periwinkle, Pachysandra, and Hosta are known to be cover for rats
- Store food in metal, glass or heavy-duty plastic containers with tight fitting lids
- Remove uneaten pet food, and store pet food in secure containers
- Add metal weather stripping and trim to doors to prevent rodents from gnawing and entering underneath

For rodent complaints and service requests, please call 311 or use the code below to go the DC 311 Service Request Portal. Thank you.



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