

## RAT RIDDANCE INITIATIVE

The District of Columbia Department of Health has adopted new best-in-practice methods to reduce the District's rat population under the new Rat Riddance initiative. Methods include:

### Dry Ice Application

Pest controllers apply dry ice into rat burrows to decrease the presence of rats.



### Wire Mesh Distribution

Residents are able to receive FREE wire mesh to prevent rat burrowing.

#### Steps for wire mesh installation

- Step 1: MEASURE** area for wire mesh placement (ex. planter box and yard).
- Step 2: CUT** wire mesh accordingly.
- Step 3: SPREAD** wire mesh across the entire area with no gap around the edges.
- Step 4: COVER** the area where wire mesh was placed with soil.



### Trash containers: Close Lids Tight!



### Let's all reduce the rodent population in the District:

- Residents, please call **202-535-1954** or email [rat.riddance@dc.gov](mailto:rat.riddance@dc.gov) to receive free wire mesh.
- Tightly secure lids on all trash containers.
- Call **311** to report rodent complaints.
- Call **202-535-1954** for enforcement or to receive educational materials and to request a speaker for your community meeting.
- Visit our webpage at [www.doh.dc.gov/service/rodent-control](http://www.doh.dc.gov/service/rodent-control) to review and share our rodent control tips.