

# Keep Rats Away From Your Home!

Do not give food and shelter to these most unwanted guests!

Stack fire-wood 18 inches off the ground and away from all buildings

Birdhouses and seed should be on poles and in trays rats can't get

The time to act is before you see the signs (droppings) of a rat or mouse.

Rats can come up the sewer pipes.

If there is a rat in your toilet-flush it! (and keep the lid down)

Do not leave pet food outside. If your pet doesn't eat it, the rats will.



Roof rats get into your house from tree branches that hang over the roof. Keep trees cut back and cover any openings in the eaves.

Cover all openings to your house. Rats can get into very small places.

Use only rodent resistant composters

Keep garbage can lids closed tightly.

Do not compost any animal products (fish, meat, chicken, cheese, butter). Keep lids tight.

In basements keep any food in closed containers that rats can't chew through.

Plant bushes so they will stay at least 3 feet from your house.

Keep yards and alleys clean. Take junk to the dump!

If you feed them, they will stay. Pick up fruit and vegetables in your yard.

Rats live in sewers and can follow the food in pipes up to your toilet. Keep your kitchen sink rinsed clean and use garbage disposals as little as possible.