GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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

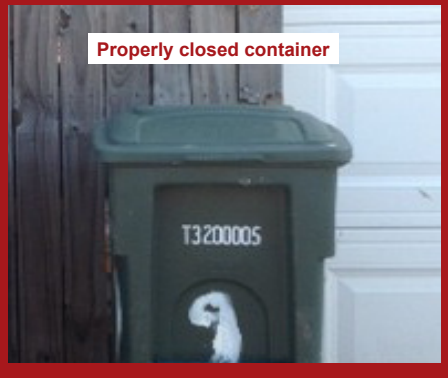
Step 1: **MEASURE** area for wire mesh placement (ex. planter box and yard).

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** 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** to review and share our rodent control tips.