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

Rodent Control Tips for Residents

- 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, Pachysnadra, 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.

Complaints

- Please call 311 to report rodent complaints.

- Please call 202-535-1954 for information, outreach, educational materials, and enforcement.

- To report a rat bite, sick rat or injured rat, contact the Animal Control Division at 202-576-6664.