

Killing them with poisons:

The most commonly used poisons are those that prevent blood clotting. These are slow acting poisons and rats need several feedings, so it is necessary to maintain a continuous fresh supply until feeding stops. Label directions will tell you how many days (Usually 8 to 12). Remember – poisons must be used as stated on the product label. Most major chain stores, farm supply stores, and grain and elevator facilities have poisons and traps.

READ THE LABEL.

FOLLOW DIRECTIONS.

- Snap traps are the safest and least expensive way to kill rats.
- Place several traps along runways.
- Place trap with trigger toward the wall.
- An expanded trigger increases effectiveness.
- Expand triggers with 2" square cardboard or hardware cloth.
- Bait traps with peanut butter, raisins, bacon or canned cat food (fish/meat flavored).
- Unbaited traps also are effective.



LOOKING FOR RATS? HERE'S HOW...

Burrows - Rats live in nests made in burrows in the ground. Look for holes of fresh diggings under concrete slabs, near garbage storage areas, along earth banks, near brush piles and near similar places that provide harborage.

Droppings – Look for black shiny capsule shaped droppings with blunt ends, Norway rat droppings are approximately ¾ inch long.

Runways – Outdoors-look for narrow beaten paths of earth free of debris. Indoors-look for greasy smear marks along walls, steps, and runways where rats travel.

Gnaw marks – Look for distinct teeth marks and light colored wood chips for fresh gnaw marks. Rats like to gnaw on door ledges, corners, stored materials, etc.

Meet the Enemy

Rats have accompanied people most areas of the world. Indifference and carelessness in handling food and refuse have fostered populations of rats in such close proximity to their homes and work that they are called domestic rodents. There are several species of rats, but the one we are concerned with is the Norway rat (*rattus norvegicus*). This species is also called the barn rat, brown rat, house rat, wharf rat, and sewer rat.

Rats are Bad...

Rats spread diseases like salmonellosis, leptospirosis, plague and rat bite fever.

Rats bite people (usually defenseless adults and babies).

Rats contaminate and destroy food.

Rats destroy property.

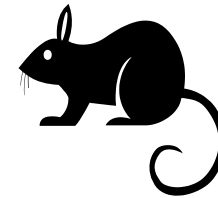
Rats cause hysteria when seen.

Rats' gnawing may cause fires.

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ELIMINATE Rodent Infestation

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Chapter 1860 of the Codified Ordinances for the City of Eastpointe prohibits an owner or occupant of any premises in the City to allow a condition of rat harborage or potential rat harborage, to exist in any building or structure or on any occupied or vacant land.

Preventative measures which shall be adhered to by all land owners and/or occupants in the City of Eastpointe are as follows:

1. Store and keep all garbage and debris inside, unless kept in metal or rat proof containers with tight fitting lids.
2. Said containers shall not be placed at the curb sooner than 4:00 p.m. on the day prior to collection.
3. Keep all property free of the accumulation of pet feces, trash, debris, and similar materials.
4. Store or neatly pile such materials as firewood, pipes, boxes, etc. above the ground at least 8" with an open space underneath.
5. Keep all lots, vacant or occupied, free of all litter, garbage and debris at all times.
6. Keep all containers used for the feeding of wild birds at least 48" above the ground.

7. Wherever and whenever rodent infestation exists, institute immediately a system of rodent control procedures as follows:

- Remove all pet water dishes and food bowls and keep inside when not in use, especially at night.
- Compost piles and grass clippings must be in a well constructed compost bin and should be turned over on a regular basis. Minimum two times a week.
- Contact a licensed pest control company to arrange baiting of property.

8. All property maintenance shall be the responsibility of the owner and/or occupant.

RAT PROOF THE BUILDING.

- Seal all holes and openings within 3 feet of the ground
- Seal all holes and openings ½ inch and larger.
- Use 17 gauge hardware cloth
- Use 24 gauge sheet metal.
- Use concrete, brick or mortar.

WHAT ATTRACTS RATS?

- Garbage on the ground.
- Garbage stored in plastic bags.
- Garbage stored in damaged cans or cans without lids.
- Pet food left out overnight.

- Animal droppings.
- Bird feed on the ground.
- Brush/rubbish piles.
- Large rubbish items.
- Burning barrels.
- Tall weeds and grass.

HOW CAN RATS BE ELIMINATED?

You can get rid of existing infestation by:

Starving them.

Proper storage of garbage and rubbish is the single most important factor in rat prevention/elimination.

Cans with tight fitting lids are essential.

Plastic bags are not rat proof.

Do not leave excess pet food sitting out. Wash pet food dishes daily.

Feed birds from a bird feeder at least 4 feet off the ground.

Cleaning the Premises:

Get rid of all unnecessary articles, junk and large rubbish items.

Cut weeds and grass.

Store lumber/firewood on racks 18" or more above the ground.

