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# RODENT PREVENTION TIPS

			<p><b>Items below should be placed away from the exterior of your home::</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Birdfeeders/ birdhouses: (Feed/seed droppings must be cleaned up.)</li> <li>➤ Wood piles: (Must be 18” off the ground)</li> <li>➤ Garbage container: (Lid must be down at all times &amp; maintain the area around the bins free of debris).</li> </ul>
<h2 style="color: green;">IN THE YARD</h2>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Reduce shelter/housing for rats by eliminating weeds, refuse piles, overgrown vegetation, and dog feces.</li> <li>➤ Limit their access to food, water and shelter sources within the garden.</li> <li>➤ Vegetable gardens must be kept neat &amp; tidy.</li> <li>➤ Pick up all fallen fruits and vegetables.</li> <li>➤ Keep compost piles neat and contained.</li> <li>➤ Remove any piles of rocks, wood or other debris that may serve as a shelter.</li> <li>➤ Keep your garden well maintained, lawns regularly mowed and prune any branches that are in contact with the roof or walls of your house.</li> </ul>
<h2>FOR BUILDINGS ON THE PROPERTY</h2>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Seal cracks &amp; opening in building foundations</li> <li>➤ Check doors, windows, and screens should as they should be tight fitting. Install door sweeps on exterior doors and repair damaged screens.</li> <li>➤ Use building materials that are “gnaw-proof” such as sheet metal, expanded metal, perforated metal, iron grills, hardware cloth, and cement mortar.</li> <li>➤ Gaps in exterior walls - Holes or small openings (around utility cables or pipe work) need to be filled with stainless steel wire wool and caulking or concrete. Steel or aluminum plating can be used.</li> <li>➤ Eliminate all moisture sites, including leaking pipes and clogged drains that provide the perfect breeding site for pests.</li> </ul>

Thank you for doing your part in keeping our City beautiful.