Keep Rats Away From Your Home!
Do not give food and shelter to these most unwanted guests!

- Stack firewood 18 inches off the ground and away from all buildings.
- Birdhouses and seed should be on poles and in trays rats can't get.
- Keep garbage can lids closed tightly.
- 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!
- Keep your kitchen sink rinsed clean and use garbage disposals as little as possible.
- Do not compost any animal products (fish, meat, chicken, cheese, butter) keep lids tight.
- 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.
- Use only rodent resistant composters.
- 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)
- 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.