



KEEP RATS AWAY

SIGNS OF INFESTATION



- Rodent droppings around areas in your home with food or teeth marks on food packaging.
- Nesting materials (paper, fabric, etc...)
- Stale smells coming from hidden areas
- **Holes chewed through walls and floors.**

CLEAN UP FOOD SOURCES

Plants, fruits, fruit trees, berries, seeds & grains, meat, **pet food**, and garbage must be cleaned frequently and stored properly in sealed containers. Also, our #1 tip: clean up your pet's waste regularly; rats prefer feces to loose food.



RAT CONTROL



There are many different ways to control your rat infestation, along with preventive measures to prevent a future infestation. Seven examples of Eco-Friendly Rat Control is listed inside this brochure.

YOU ARE NOT ON YOUR OWN!

The City of Oak Park is here to help in the event of an infestation. Inside you'll find those resources and recommendations for your rat control issues.

CONTACT OAK PARK



Scan the QR Code to connect directly to our GOV QA System

- Head down to "**Find Answers**" and search for your question about rat control issues, or;
- To request help and or report your rat infestation, head down to "**Request or Report**" and a member of our Municipal Services/Code Enforcement team will reach out in 24 hours

If you prefer to reach out by phone, email or connect in-person;

CONTACT MUNICIPAL SERVICES

☎ (248) 691-7450

✉ Building@oakparkmi.gov

🌐 www.oakparkmi.gov

📍 14300 Oak Park Blvd.



RAT CONTROL



KEEPING RODENTS AWAY SAFELY

Tips for identifying the signs of an infestation, along with eco-friendly options to address your rat issue, as well as helpful resources you can use in the city.

**CITY OF OAK PARK
CODE ENFORCEMENT DIVISION
(248) 691-7450**

YOU HAVE A RAT INFESTATION

What's next?

- If you find yourself with a rat infestation, your first step is to reach out to Municipal Services @ **(248) 691 - 7450**, or through our **GOVQA** system.
- Next, a member of our Municipal Services team will come out to your home for an inspection, **at no cost**, and look for and walk you through any potential signs of an infestation, including:
 - Rodent dropping
 - Nesting Materials
 - Food storage issues in and out of the home.
 - As well as potential issues in your yard, like Mulberry Bushes, fruit trees and animal feces that could give rats a reason to stick around.
- Our team will make their suggestions for rat proofing your home, including many eco-friendly options (*listed in this brochure*) and can also assist in finding exterminators in the area, if the need arises.

ECO-FRIENDLY RAT CONTROL

Unlike rat poison, environmentally friendly rat control doesn't contain pesticides.

The following are five (5) eco-friendly ways to banish rats from your property.



SHOCK MAT



AMMONIA



PEPPERMINT OIL



SPICES



DRY-ICE

*** Other methods of eradication are permitted, such as the use of poison, but must be done responsibly. A licensed exterminator may determine that poison is the best method. ***



ECO-FRIENDLY SOLUTIONS

SHOCK MAT - Low-power electric shock that deters rats and other pests much like an electric fence—only much weaker and undetectable to humans.

AMMONIA - Rats can't stand the smell of ammonia because it reminds them of their predators' urine, so use this to your advantage by making a rodent repellant out of ammonia.

PEPPERMINT OIL - You can use oil to ward off rats and mice. Spray the oil mix in rodent prone area's of your residence.

SPICES - Rodents dislike pepper and other spicy ingredients—you can even add in horseradish and peppermint to make this concoction more likely to deter rats. Mix them all into a spray bottle and spray in the attic or garage or apply to cotton balls and place them around the house.

DRY ICE - (AKA: carbon dioxide) pellets are placed into the openings of outdoor rat burrows to sublimate, which displaces oxygen into the burrows.

USE EXTREME CAUTION WHEN HANDLING DRY ICE