

# DON'T LET YOUR HOME BREED RODENTS!

## TIPS TO KEEP YOUR HOME AND NEIGHBORHOOD **RAT FREE**

Maintaining your property and properly storing your trash will prevent rats and other pests from living in our neighborhoods. You can be fined \$50 to \$100 for violations.



### **OUTDOORS**

- Remove weeds and debris near buildings and in yards where rats can hide
- Avoid landscaping low to ground vegetation (e.g., juniper, liriope) next to buildings
- Store lumber and other items on a rack with a clean, open area underneath

### **HOME**

- Inspect walls for cracks where rodents could enter and seal with mortar
- Inspect screens on windows and repair/replace as necessary
- Add metal weather stripping and trim to doors to prevent gnawing and entering underneath

### **TRASH**

- Bag your trash before putting it in the can
- Rinse food waste off recyclables before setting out for pickup. Do not bag.
- Place trash outside shortly before pickup
- Keep lids closed and do not overfill cans
- Request repairs or replacements for gnawed cans by calling 311

### **PETS**

- Pick up, bag, and dispose of waste in your household trash or a public litter can
- Store pet food and bird seed in secure containers

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For more information, visit **cleancity.dc.gov**.

To request rodent inspection and abatement, please call **311**.