

## Over-run with Unwanted Visitors?



Have rodents found their way to your house? Well, you're not alone. Milder winters have reportedly created ideal conditions for rat populations to flourish across North America.

Prevention is key. Below are steps we can all take to deter rats (and of course, call a pest control company if it's past the point of prevention)



Keep property as clean as possible to prevent hiding spots and securely store all waste



Remove sources of food: fallen fruit, bird seed, pet food, garbage, compost



Seal shut any cracks and entrances into the house



Have they chewed through your green bin? Call Valley Waste for a replacement



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## TIPS FOR KEEPING RATS AT BAY

Wrap your food in newspaper or box board to help reduce odours. You can also freeze smelly foods like seafood and dispose of it on collection day.

Rats love small, dry, dark, and warm places to hide. Give carts and their surrounding area a good wash with disinfectant. This will make it less likely for the rats to stick around, as well as making it less likely to attract more. Cleaning up yard debris and potential nesting areas also gives them no place to hide!

Restricting access to food and shelter will make your home less attractive to rats and other vermin.

Rats have a very sensitive nose, which they use to find food, but it can also be used to deter them. Here are some more home repellent remedies:

- Ammonia
- Peppermint oil
- Castor oil
- Citronella oil

Soak several cotton balls in whatever oil or chemical you're using, and tuck them in and around your garbage cans and other places you may expect to find rats.



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