



RODENT CONTROL

The following guide is offered to Lynn property owners and residents to help protect their property and City property from rats and other rodents.

A rodent control program is only effective if everyone takes responsibility for keeping their homes and businesses as rodent-proof as possible. Please help us by using the information provided in this guide.

Inspectional Services Department
Health Division, Lynn, MA
781-598-4000

STORE GARBAGE IN METAL OR HEAVY PLASTIC CONTAINERS WITH TIGHT LIDS.

According to City Ordinance all trash stored outside must be in covered waterproof and airtight rodent resistant containers.

PLACE TRASH OUTSIDE SHORTLY BEFORE PICKUP; DON'T LEAVE PLASTIC GARBAGE BAGS OUTSIDE.

According to City Ordinance trash may be placed out no earlier than 5 P.M. on the day before collection and no later than 7 A.M. the day of collection. Plastic bags can only be placed out on collection day if on top of barrels, not on the ground.

DO NOT LEAVE PET OR BIRD FOOD OUT.

Remove all uneaten pet food and water after pet has eaten. Do not leave pet food containers outside. If you observe rodent activity, do not continue to use bird feeders or feed birds in other ways.

STOP PROVIDING HOMES FOR RATS BY GETTING RID OF:

ABANDONED CARS: If the vehicle is on private property the owner of property must remove it. **Unused tires must be removed.**

ABANDONED BUILDINGS Should be adequately boarded. Report buildings not boarded to Inspectional Services.

ABANDONED APPLIANCES Washing machines, stoves, and old refrigerators should not be stored on the property. They should be removed and properly disposed of.

TALL GRASS AND WEEDS Should be kept cut short enough to prevent rats from nesting and hiding.

STACKS OF LUMBER Provide places for rats to nest and breed. Lumber should be stacked 12 to 18 inches above ground and away from walls or fences.