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In most cases The Town of Braintree recommends reporting observed activity to our Health Department (781-794-8090) and then contacting a licensed extermination company to carry out integrated pest management (IPM) techniques.

Take Action

Eliminate Rodent Habitats:

- Clear out any debris pile up from your yard
- Store any items away from walls and above ground
- Remove and contain any trash and recycling from accessible areas
- Elevate trash off the ground
- Shut dumpster and trash lids properly
- Give compost bins proper lids
- Close compost containers
- Store pet food indoors

Take Action:

The Town of Braintree is actively working towards making Braintree a rodent controlled town and is raising awareness so you can be part of the effort.

Join us in taking action against rats in your neighborhood

Please reach out to the Braintree Health Department with further questions and to report activity so that we can continue to monitor rat activity and plan for future control efforts.

Rodent Prevention in BRAINTREE



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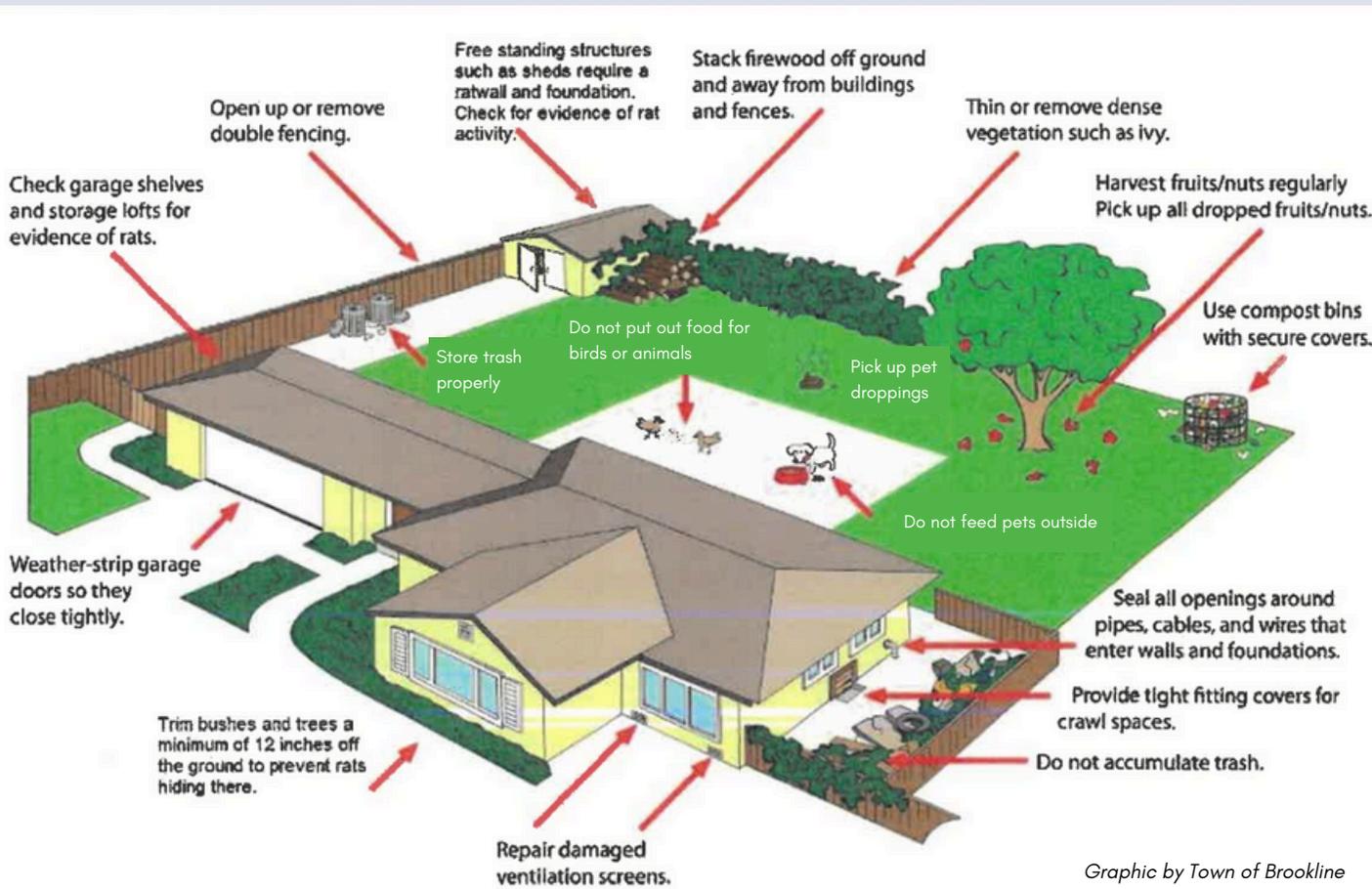


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Aww Rats... do I have Rats?

Spotting and Controlling Rats

Tips to Deter Rats



Rats like to burrow near shrubs, trees, and weeds. Don't give rats a home.

- Maintain yard and avoid vegetation overgrowth through mowing and trimming.
- Plant vegetation away from buildings. 6 inches is recommended.
- Fill in burrow holes with soil when you see them
- Close/seal cracks in paved areas

Evidence of Rat Activity; and What to Look out for:

- Burrows- Rats create 1-4 inch wide burrows near trees and bushes
- Droppings- Rat droppings accumulate around trashcans or dumpsters
- Runways- Rats tend to leave greasy worn down track marks along frequently used paths - especially at dusk and nighttime.
- Chewing- Rats often chew holes in dumpsters on lids of trash cans and gnaw wood, outdoor furniture and trash barrels. If you observe teeth marks you may want to take action.

Special Awareness:

Squirrels, rats and mice will enjoy feasting on bird feeders. Be mindful of displaying bird feeders as they can lead to an uptick in rodent activity.

