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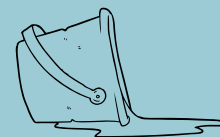
RODENTS Get on your



FOOD



SHELTER



WATER

Identify the Signs

- Gnaw marks on wood, plastic, or wiring.
- Dark brown or black, pellet-shaped droppings, about 1/2-3/4 inch long, slightly larger than grains of rice
- Scratching noises, especially at night.
- Nesting materials like shredded paper or fabric.



Health Effects

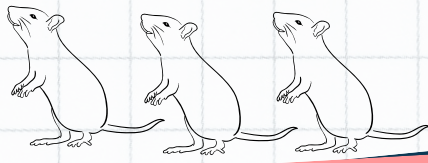
Rodents can spread diseases through urine, droppings, and bites, trigger allergies, contaminate food and water, damage property by gnawing, and cause psychological stress.



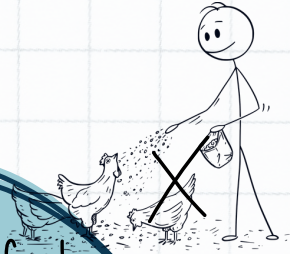
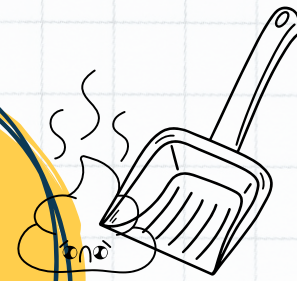
To keep

RATS

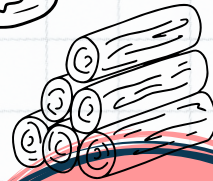
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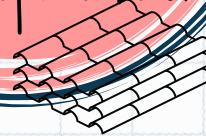
Remove pet waste
daily from yard
Do not leave pet food out
unnecessarily



Store compost, garbage,
and food containers in a
tightly sealed container
made up of strong
material



Stack building
materials, lumber and
boxes neatly on racks
with open space below



Store chicken feed in
sealed containers
Do not keep bird feeders
or clean around regularly



Clean up debris and
brush on the property
Trim weeds and other
bushes



Remove all standing water
sources
Properly treat unused
backyard pools or empty
them



For information on
controlling rodent
infestation, please
refer:
CDC [link](#) MDPH [link](#)

