



**Rodent Prevention Tips** You may think he's cute, but the real truth is he's dangerous. Don't let him in your building.

## Think Exclusion and Think Sanitation

**Exclusion:** The best way to keep buildings rodent free is to prevent them from getting inside. Rodents fit through tiny openings and can gnaw thorough wood, lead, aluminum, copper, and cinder block. A rat can fit through openings as small as a half inch and a mouse a quarter inch. Patch openings in walls, under doors and around plumbing pipes. Steel wool is a good and inexpensive option, or an aerosol foam spray.

Keep doors and windows tightly closed when not in use.

**Sanitation:** Rodents want shelter, food and water. Eliminate these options as much as possible.

1. Trim weeds and brush to eliminate harborage
2. Eliminate debris around buildings and grounds
3. Clean up food waste and spillage daily
4. Keep garbage and dumpster lids closed tightly
5. Store food off the floor and away from walls
6. Don't leave pet food out overnight

**Trapping:** We do not recommend the use of poison baits inside buildings. If you are going to do your own trapping here's a tip:

Position the bait end of the trap next to a wall so it forms a "T" with the wall. Rodents like to run against a wall and avoid being out in the open. They are leery of anything that is new and unfamiliar, so it may take a few days for them to approach the traps. For mice a small dap of peanut butter will work. For rats try a piece of bacon or meat.



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