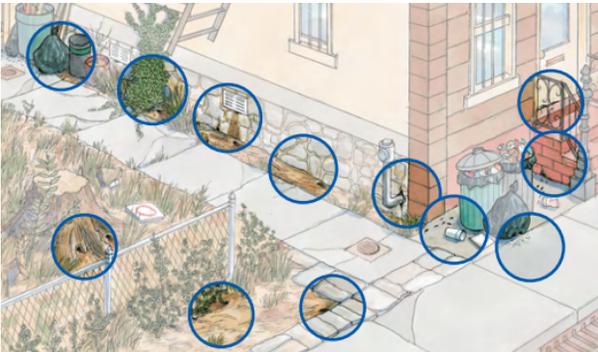


WHAT TO LOOK FOR

RAT BURROWS: These are holes in the ground 4-6 inches in diameter where rats may be living. Look for burrows under fences, buildings, homes and cement slabs surrounding structures. You can test whether the burrow is active by filling in the hole with dirt and checking to see if it is cleared quickly.

RAT TRACKS: In the winter, you may be able to spot rodent tracks leading to or from a burrow.



DROPPINGS: Rats can leave 40 -50 droppings per day and are larger than mouse droppings (approx. $\frac{3}{4}$ inch in diameter)

TIPS ON PREVENTION

MAINTAIN YOUR PROPERTY

- Keep grills clean
- Store woodpiles neatly with a 12- inch ground clearance
- Remove dog and cat feces promptly
- Thin vegetation and keep grass and shrubbery cut short.

ELIMINATE FOOD SUPPLY



- Do not leave pet food out at night
- Remove bird feeders that rodents can access
- Pick up fallen tree fruit

RODENT-PROOF STRUCTURES

Don't give rats a place to live. Cover openings that are greater than $\frac{1}{2}$ inch in diameter with concrete, sheet metal or wire mesh.

Keep trash containers and/or dumpsters closed at all times, tightly sealed and emptied frequently.



If your City supplied trash bin is damaged, please call 311 to have it replaced.

HISTORY

Rats have been a part of the Massachusetts ecosystem since the area was originally settled in the early 17th century. They are commonly found in most urban areas, including Everett and other neighboring communities, due to readily available food sources.

Rats are a known public health issue and tend to move freely around neighborhoods. Therefore, preventing rats will not be successful unless everyone works together.



For professional advice and/or possible treatment options contact a **licensed** pest control company.

To report a rodent sighting, please call 311

This helps us track pest control issues and trends.

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Oh, Rats!

Let's work together to prevent rodents.

Discouraging rats from living in our city will be most successful as a community effort!

