

VERMIN CONTROL

Recently there have been some isolated rodent sightings within the City of Berkley. Please review these steps to see if there are ways you can make your property less attractive to rodents. A few simple preventive measures will convince any rodents to move on.

Eliminate Food Sources

Rodents only need an ounce of water and food per day to survive.

- Local law has recently been updated to require that trash stored outside be placed in watertight plastic or metal containers with tight fitting lids. The only exception is that trash in plastic bags may be placed at curbside 24 hours before your weekly trash pickup.
- Don't leave food out for pets. Feed pets inside.
- Remove food sources for birds and squirrels, including bird feeders. While there is no ordinance prohibiting bird feeders, bird seed that falls on the ground will attract rodents. If you must have a bird feeder, the feeder must be at least 48 inches above ground. Please remember to sweep up any droppings or bird seed on a regular basis.
- Don't leave water out for pets when the pet is not present, especially overnight.
- Yards should be free of trash.
- Yards should be free of pet droppings. Please pick up after your pet on a regular basis.

Eliminate Shelter

- Firewood, yard waste, or construction materials must be stored at least 18 inches above the ground.
- Lawns must be maintained to a height less than 8 inches.
- Repair broken windows and seal all holes that are larger than ½ inch and within 3 feet of the ground.
- Other likely access points for rats into homes and business are where utility lines come into walls, as well as openings around air conditioning, drain pipes and vents; seal these areas.
- Any buildings larger than 36 square feet in size must be constructed with a 24 inch deep ratwall foundation. Any other structures on your property such as playhouses or dog houses may provide shelter for rodents.

Local law prohibits any condition that will provide harborage for rats, mice or other vermin. Our Code Enforcement Officers will work with residents and businesses to help eliminate conditions that attract rodents. If you have a rodent problem, the City will not trap them. You will need to trap them yourself or contact an exterminator. Our Animal Control Officer will pick up trapped animals.

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