

# CITY OF BELMONT

## Rats

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***If you have a problem with rats, the following tips will help control them:***

- Clean up your yard - especially areas that provide harbourage such as planks of timber.
- Trim trees away from gutters (rats can enter the roof by climbing trees).
- Seal any gaps and holes or cover with flywire to prevent access.
- Remove fruit and nuts from trees or vines at the end of the season.
- Keep pet food dishes clean and store bulk pet food supplies carefully to prevent access by rats.
- Rubbish bins and compost containers should be well maintained and free from holes. Meat scraps must never be composted.
- If using grain poison, place untreated grain out for a week to gain the rat's confidence before placing out the poison grain.
- Place baits in areas where rats have been or tend to visit.
- Alternate types of bait to prevent rats becoming bait shy.
- Encourage neighbours to remove excess rubbish from property and to also lay baits.
- Council issues residents with **some** free baits to assist in the control of rats.
- If problem persists, seek aid from a reputable pest control company.
- Remember, owners and occupiers of properties are legally required to prevent harbourage of rats and to ensure any on the property are destroyed.

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