

# Rodent Control

## Rodent Control and How you Can Help!

The Town of Winthrop has been actively engaged in rodent control measures in various locations in the Town of Winthrop. Currently the main focus of the rodent control program is town wide.

Some reasons the rodents are thriving even with extermination efforts are many, and this is where the residents have to do their part to deny the rodents a steady food supply. The following must be done by residents of the town to eliminate the food supply.

1. Store all trash in barrels with tight fitting lids. No trash bags can be stored exterior to the premises. All recyclables should be stored in rodent resistant barrels as well. Use the included labels to re-purpose trash barrels for different uses.
2. All yard areas must have lawns mowed and bushes trimmed to deny cover to the rodents as they move from yard to yard.
3. All gardens should be sized for the actual use of the family in residence. Large gardens that are not cultivated and maintained supply food and cover to the rodents.
4. Fruit from fruit trees that bear fruit but that is inedible by humans must be continuously cleaned up and properly stored in rodent resistant containers until disposal. These trees should be removed if they are bearing inedible fruit.
5. All stagnant water must be eliminated. Pour out empty buckets & barrels, bird baths, stagnant ornamental ponds and eliminate all ponding water.
6. All compost piles and yard waste should be removed or properly maintained in rodent resistant containers.