

# Got Rats?

Here are some tips to prevent them without poison

Rats can enter your home through an opening the size of a dime. Seal all holes in roofs, walls, foundation, crawl spaces, and sheds. Seal openings around pipes, cables, and electrical wires that enter walls and foundations.

Cut branches back three feet away from the roof.

Cap plumbing vent stacks with hardware cloth.

Rip out ivy. Do not accumulate trash.

Use wire mesh or hardware cloth under porches that extends partially into the ground.

Provide tight-fitting covers on crawl space entrances.

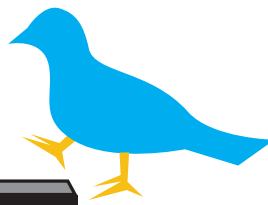
Check garage shelves and storage sheds for evidence of rats.

If you feed the birds, feed small amounts at a time and bring feeders in at night. Clean up fallen seed.

Elevate your chicken coop by 18 inches.

## DO NOT USE:

**Snap traps** in the open landscape. They can maim and harm other animals.



**Sticky traps** or glue boards. They cause horrific suffering and other animals get caught in them, including songbirds.

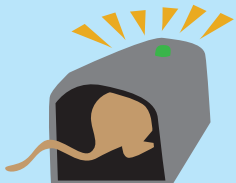
**Rodenticides:** Rat poison kills birds and wildlife, not just rats. When a hawk, owl, or bobcat eats a poisoned rat, they too, can become very ill or perish of secondary poisoning. Rat poison can also poison your dog or cat.



## O.K. TO USE:

**Electronic traps** (only in safe locations) like The Raticator or other rat "zapper."

Sprinkle **cayenne pepper** on rat trails to deter them.



**RAPTORS ARE THE SOLUTION**