Here are some tips to prevent them without poison.

**MANAGE THE RODENTS:**
**NORWAY RATS ARE AGGRESSIVE TUNNELERS**

1. Continuously trap and remove rodents.
2. Regularly inspect for new entry points and seal them up.
3. Backfill tunnels to discourage digging.

**PERMANENT SOLUTIONS**

1. Rodent-proof the insulation by sealing off your joists with galvanized steel mesh. The insulation and living area are protected even if rodents enter the crawl space.
2. Bury galvanized steel mesh along the foundation (known as a trench and screen) to block tunneling.
3. Install a layer of concrete (known as a rat slab) to block tunneling.

**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.

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