

# RODENT CONTROL

Rodents have become more prevalent in many communities on the Island in recent years. This has become a real problem for some areas of our Town and we are asking residents to take steps to help address the issue.

## Rodents need three things to thrive:

Food – including garbage, pet food, animal waste, etc.

Water – such as standing water, leaking hoses, etc.

Shelter – such as homes, sheds, barns, cellars, compost bins, etc.

If your property is providing any of these necessities, please take steps to address them...

## Remove food and water source

- Garbage should be kept in large plastic containers with a secure fitting lid, and any kind of debris should be removed. It is essential to take care of hygiene and sanitation in order to rodent proof your property.
- Remove all pet food immediately and clean up animal waste.
- Get rid of all standing water.
- Check for leaking hoses, check that drains are covered and secure.

## Shelter

Along with eliminating rodents' food source, removing their shelter is another major step to take to sanitize your property. Some helpful tips include:

- Properly maintain landscaping – trim any overgrown vegetation & shrubbery until ground underneath is visible
- Remove any debris like rock piles & old equipment
- Elevate lumber & firewood at least 18 inches from the ground
- Keep contents of compost piles moist and bury food scraps (or avoid adding food scraps to compost piles if possible).
- Establish a rodent control program.

**If you have an issue with rodents  
call a local pest control company for assistance**

Please note that the Town is investigating problem areas and, where necessary, contacting property owners to ensure they are taking appropriate steps to address the issue.