

The Town of Marystown responded to your feedback and partnered with a well known local pest management company, "Orkin Canada". It is quite common in communities with substantial growth and development that rodents become a challenge as their natural habitat is destroyed or disturbed.

As a result these creatures will search for food, water, and shelter around residential properties. Please take a moment to educate yourself with this informative brochure prepared in order to assist the home owner to reduce the occurrence of unwanted rodents.



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The approved green pest management initiative incorporates education and communication along with an extensive treatment program targeting along water front and throughout the town. Reliance on both non-chemical as well as chemical tools will be used to reduce the rodent population. We seek

your cooperation by following the simple preventative steps outlined in this brochure.

Rodent sightings should be reported to Orkin Canada by calling: **1-709-722-1844** or **1-709-279-5555**

This will help target the areas of that need treatment.

Together we can achieve positive results.

Municipal Rodent Management Program



"A Green Solution"

Step 1: Look for evidence

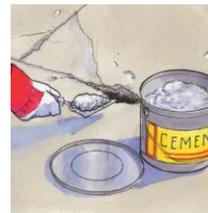
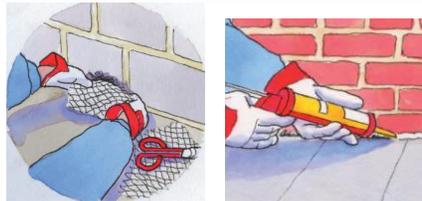
- Look for places where rats live. Most rats live in nests or burrows. Burrows are holes in dirt or concrete from 1 - 4 inches wide, with smooth edges. Burrows can be found under bushes and plants. They will often have an entrance & exit hole.
- Look for droppings. Droppings are often found close to garbage. If they're moist and dark, it's a sign that rats are in the area.
- Look for holes and gnaw marks on wood and plastic garbage cans.
- Check walls and grass for signs of runways. Rats run along the same path many times a day, leaving dark greasy track marks along walls and worn down paths in grass.

Step 2: Clean up



- Wash away droppings and track marks;
- Remove clutter, as clutter gives rats many areas to hide, sleep, nest, reproduce; and
- Trim overgrown vegetation, as rats can use these weeds, shrubs, compost piles, and bushes to hide in.

Step 3: Shut Them Out



- To keep rats out, inexpensive and easy to find materials can be used by the home owner;
- Seal cracks/ small holes with caulking or screening;
- Fill larger gaps /holes with mortar or ready to use cement;
- Use weather stripping on doors; and
- Use caulking around utility lines.

Step 4: Starve Them



- Rats need only one ounce of food per day. Don't let your garbage be their food;
- Bring garbage cans & bags to the curb as close to pick up time as possible;
- Use hard plastic or metal cans with tight fitting lids; and
- Don't put food out for stray cats, pigeons/birds, or squirrels.

Step 5: Wipe Them Out



- Close inactive burrows by filling with soil and tamping down with a shovel;
- Close burrows in cracked or broken asphalt or concrete with patching concrete; and
- Rodent baiting is also an option, but is best handled by a licensed pest management professional to prevent poisoning of non-targets.