

# EVERYONE MUST HELP CONTROL RATS

Rats breed rapidly,  
about 7-12 per litter  
and can multiply  
every 3 weeks.

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RATS

## HOW TO CONTROL RATS

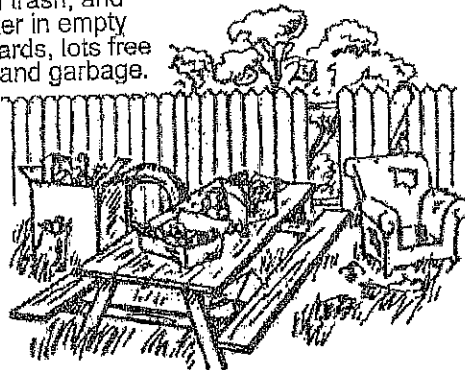
Store garbage  
and rubbish in  
tightly covered  
cans.

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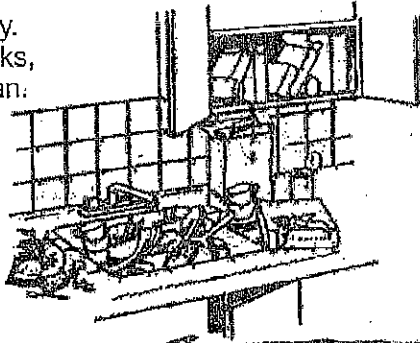
Rat will live in trash, and  
drink rain water in empty  
cans. Keep yards, lots free  
from rubbish and garbage.

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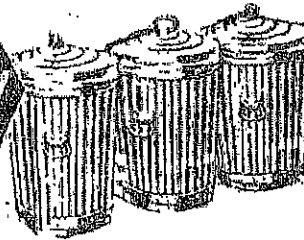
Store food properly.  
Keep pantries, sinks,  
food counters clean.

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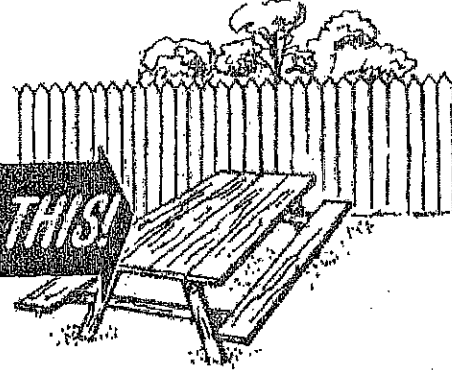
## 1 STARVE RATS OUT!

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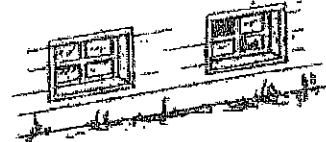
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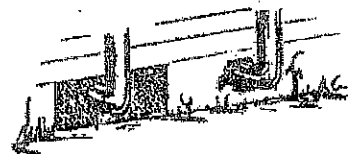


## 2 BUILD RATS OUT!

Basement windows should fit  
tightly, and have no broken panes.



RIGHT! WRONG!



All openings 3/8" or wider in the  
foundation walls, and within  
30" of the ground, should be  
rat-stopped with metal collars  
or cement.

## GARBAGE IS RAT FOOD!

Be sure all garbage, rubbish, ashes  
in your yard is placed in containers.

Bird food should  
be placed on  
raised platforms.



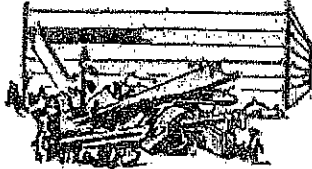
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YES!

## RAISE STORED MATERIALS!

Place lumber, pipes and other materials at least 18" off the ground



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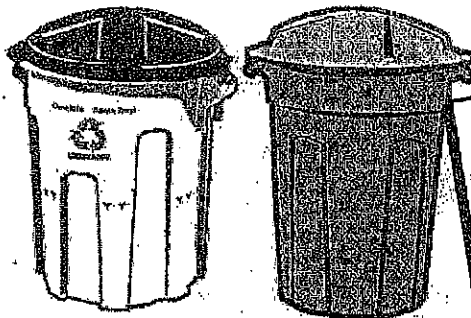


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## Good Neighbor Quiz

Test yourself. Answer these questions:

- |   | YES                      | NO                       |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Do you use a durable trashcan with a tight-fitting lid?        | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Do you remove left over pet food and pet waste from your yard? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Do you keep bulk items out of your yard?                       | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. Did you seal all cracks and holes around the house?            | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. Do you mow all tall grass and weeds?                           | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |



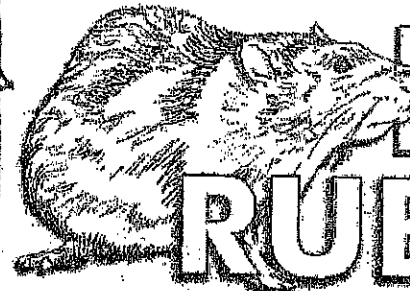
If your answer is "yes" in every case, you are doing your part as a citizen to control

**RATS!**

# FACTS ABOUT RATS

**R**ats are man's worst enemies among animals. They destroy millions of dollars worth of property each year!

**RATS** carry diseases. They eat almost anything. Rats can gnaw through wood, plaster and soft metals. They have started fires by gnawing matches and electrical wires.



# RAT RUBOUT

Baltimore City Department of Public Works  
Bureau of Solid Waste - Rat Rub Out Program



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