

Friday, June 27, 2003

Dear Neighbor,

Unfortunately, we have seen RATS in our neighborhood! We have noticed them in our front and backyard in recent weeks. Rats can pose a serious threat to property and health. They chew on insulation, siding, wallboards, etc and carry diseases on themselves and also through the fleas and ticks they carry.

We contacted DC Rodent Control Division and Terminix who have provided us poison and the following tips:

- Rats need food, nesting sites and safe travel. Eliminate them and the rats will move elsewhere.
- Keep all garbage in containers with tight fitting lids.
- Do not leave pet food outside. Remove bowl right after feeding.
- All food left for birds and wildlife should be equipped with spill-proof trays and spilled seed should be cleaned up daily.
- Pick up dog droppings, a source of food for rats.

This will take the combined efforts of all of us. Please use the attached sheet to contact DC Rodent Control (Mr. Harrington at 202-535-1955) or another pest control firm to inspect your property, determine where Rats are living, and to see what else you need to do to keep the RATS out of your yard and our neighborhood.

Thanks

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