



CITY OF WARWICK RODENT CONTROL

IDENTIFICATION AND PREVENTION

TIPS FOR IDENTIFICATION & PREVENTION

DID YOU KNOW?

- The Norway Rat (*Rattus Norvegicus*) is the most common rat in the Northeast Region.
- Rats generally live for one year during which time they can have six to twelve "pups" per litter, up to seven times a year.
- Rats burrow in the ground, under buildings and rubbish, typically living within 150' of a water source.
- Rats are habitual eaters with a preference for meat and grains.

CHARACTERISTICS OF NORWAY RATS

- Brown with scattered black hairs. Gray to white underside.
- Long, heavy-body, blunt muzzle, small ears and eyes.
- 7 1/2" to 9" long.



PREVENTION TIPS

- Keep all garbage in sealed containers.
- Clean up animal waste, bird food, and other potential food sources.
- Remove debris near buildings and yards.
- Keep grass and shrubs trimmed and well kept.
- Seal or close off openings in your house, shed, or other potential harborage areas.
- Remove potential water sources from the property.

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E-MAIL: REEP@WARWICKRI.COM



CITY OF WARWICK R.E.E.P. PROGRAM RODENT EVALUATION & ELIMINATION



REQUESTING RODENT ABATEMENT SERVICES

1. Contact the City's hotline at 401-773-RATS (7287) or by e-mailing REEP@warwickri.com.
2. Indicate whether you are reporting a rat siting or requesting rat abatement services by the City.
3. If requesting abatement services, fill out the *REEP Residential Waiver*. Complete all information on the waiver form.
4. Submit the *Residential Waiver* to the City's Department of Public Works by e-mailing to rats@warwickri.com or dropping the form off at 925 Sandy Lane.
5. You will be contacted by a City official for a time to schedule a site visit.
6. A visual assessment of the property will be performed to determine presence of rodents and educate you on prevention.
7. The property will be baited if the visual assessment indicates the existence of rodents.
8. A City official will follow up within 1-2 weeks to determine effectiveness of baiting and if the issue has been resolved.



Note: The City makes no warranty or guarantees of any kind as to the success/effectiveness of rodent baiting provided or the results of said rodent baiting.

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