What to do if you see signs of rats in Eugene?

Use this decision tool to help you decide

Where is your rat problem?

- My home
  - Own
  - Rent
  - Rats inside
  - Rats outside
  - Inform landlord in writing

My home - Rats inside

Rat-proof your yard and home. Seal up cracks and openings to your house, crawlspace, and attic. Seal chicken coops & compost bins. Remove/ seal food sources such as open garbage, pet/chicken food, bird feeder spillage, and fruit & vegetables on the ground. Consider setting out mechanical traps (in a safe location).

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If your neighbor is uncooperative, you can:

- Try talking to the owner to see if they are aware of the problem. Point to the websites below for more resources on contending with rats. Offer to help, especially elderly and disabled neighbors.

Call City of Eugene Public Works. They will check the nearby city sewer manholes. 541-682-4800

- File a complaint at the City of Eugene Code Compliance. They will assess the problem, recommend steps, and follow-up to make sure the problem has been resolved. www.eugene-or.gov/1617 or 541-682-5819

- Call Lane County Public Health. They will send an inspector to the facility. 541-682-4480

- Call Oregon Dept. of Ag Food Safety. They will send an inspector to the facility. 503-986-4720

Grocery stores, farmer’s markets, processors, growers

Restaurants, food carts, food booths, schools, and day cares

Review the food safety plan pest control Standard Operating Procedures.

If your neighbor is uncooperative, you can:

- If landlord does not respond:
  - Inform landlord in writing
  - File a complaint at the City of Eugene Code Compliance.

If the problem persists

- Call exterminator

Wanted!

Rat Poison

Use poison as a last resort. Use or consult professionals trained in the use of poisons. Always secure in bait boxes. Improper use of rat poison can harm or kill humans, pets, birds, and other animals. Be wary of false and misleading statements on products claiming they are environmentally safe and pet friendly.

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