## RAT PREVENTION IN MASSACHUSETTS

Rat populations are booming in many communities throughout the state.

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Swipe for information and tips to protect your home and community from rats.





# You may never see a rat unless the infestation is severe. Look out for these signs:

#### DROPPINGS



### **BURROW HOLES**



#### **GNAW MARKS**





Rats need food, water, and shelter to survive. To prevent rodents:

- Remove shrubs and mulch from building foundations
- Remove any trash or debris
- Store boxes, firewood, and equipment off the ground and away from exterior walls
- Seal any holes around your exterior walls



- Keep trash containers closed and clean
- Replace any damaged barrels
- Don't leave food out for pets or other wildlife