Got Rats?

Here are some tips to prevent them without poison

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- Cayenne pepper sprinkled on rat tails to deter them.
- Dry ice in rat burrows.
- A24 trap by Automatic Trap.

Rats can enter your home through an opening the size of a dime. Seal all holes in roofs, walls, foundation, crawl spaces, and sheds. Seal openings around pipes, cables, and electrical wires that enter walls and foundations.

- Cut branches back three feet away from the roof.
- Use wire mesh or hardware cloth under porches that extends partially into the ground.
- Cap plumbing vent stacks with hardware cloth.
- Rip out ivy. Do not accumulate trash.
- Elevate your chicken coop by 18 inches.
- Provide tight-fitting covers on crawl space entrances.
- Check garage shelves and storage sheds for evidence of rats.
- If you feed the birds, feed small amounts at a time and bring feeders in at night. Clean up fallen seed.

DO NOT USE:

- Snap traps in the open landscape. They can maim and harm other animals.
- Sticky traps or glue boards. They cause horrific suffering and other animals get caught in them, including songbirds.
- Rodenticides: Rat poison kills birds and wildlife, not just rats. When a hawk, owl, or bobcat eats a poisoned rat, they too, can become very ill or perish of secondary poisoning. Rat poison can also poison your dog or cat.

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