# Got Rats?

## Here are some tips to prevent them without poison

Cut branches back three feet away from the roof. 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.

Cap plumbing vent stacks with hardware cloth.

Rip out ivy. Do not accumulate trash. Use wire mesh or hardware cloth under porches that extends partially into the ground.

Provide tight-fitting covers on crawl space entrances.

Check garage shelves and storage sheds for evidence of rats.



Elevate your chicken coop by 18 inches.



Consider using a non-toxic fertility control product like Contrapest to decrease rat numbers.

If you feed
the birds, feed
small amounts at a time
and bring feeders in at
night. Clean up fallen seed.

### Snap traps in the open landscape. They can maim and harm



### **DO NOT USE:**



**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.

### O.K. TO USE:

- Electronic traps (only in safe locations) like the Raticator or other rat "zapper."
- Cayenne pepper sprinkled on rat trails to deter them.
- Dry ice in rat burrows.
- **A24 trap** by Automatic Trap.



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