



## ***Georgetown Board of Health***

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The Georgetown Board of Health has received information regarding some rat sightings in your neighborhood. These are Norway Rats. The Board of Health recommends you and your neighbors to work together in resolving this issue.

The sightings have been along the stone walls, fences and trash receptacles. Here are some recommendations for the areas affected:

### **Eliminate their Food Water and Shelter:**

- Keep yards trash free. Remove debris from behind wooden steps, under decks or any other sites that may provide shelter.
- Keep grass and weeds cut back to eliminate shelter.
- Pile wood and other storage materials away from your home and at least 18 inches above the ground. This eliminates possible shelters.
- Replace damaged trash cans with metal trash cans, rats chew through plastic cans and eat your trash.
- Make sure doors close tightly and install door sweeps if necessary.
- Seal any exterior holes in your home's foundation.
- Remove all sources of food including bird feeders.
- Keep all chicken, dog and other pet food in tight containers.
- Use **Integrated Pest Management Practices**. Find out more from [eXtension.org](http://eXtension.org).
- Contact Professional Exterminator for more information.

***Remember, if you eliminate a rat's food, water and shelter, you will eliminate the root of the problem.***

Thank you for your help in eliminating this nuisance.  
The Georgetown Board of Health