



Hon. Jim Karygiannis, Councillor,

Ward 39, Scarborough-Agincourt



Dear Neighbour,

It has been brought to our attention that your immediate neighbourhood is experiencing an increase in rats due to railway construction by Metrolinx.

If you have noticed any rats or rodents, please call my office and let us know. We can, with your help, take effective action. We can be reached at 416-392-1374, or by email at jim@karygiannis.net

Rats are active at night and generally avoid contact with people. The following tips should help residents maintain a healthy environment and reduce contact with rodents.

Monitor your property to determine where rats live, travel and feed.

- Monitor your property for evidence of rats (capsule-shaped droppings, burrows, chewed food, gnaw marks on walls and surfaces).

Improve sanitation, and eliminate nesting sites.

- Store garbage in rodent-proof containers with tight-fitting lids.
- Reduce clutter to prevent hiding spots (wood piles, old tires, etc.).
- Eliminate sources of food (fallen fruit, pet food left outdoors, grass seed, etc.).
- Secure composters to prevent rodents from entering.
- Keep areas around bird feeders and bird baths cleaned.



Prevent rodents from entering your home.

- Inspect the outside of your home to identify rodent entry points (any opening larger than 1 inch in diameter).
- Use heavy gauge wire mesh to cover vents.
- Use metal sheeting to cover holes.

Use traps to reduce an existing rat population.

- Snap traps are preferable to poisonous bait, as they are non toxic and prevent exposure of children and pets to potentially harmful bait.
- Baited traps (peanut butter, chocolate, hot dog, etc.) should be placed in areas with rat activity, but do not set the trap until the bait has been taken at least once (pre-baiting).
- Use care when handling a set rat trap. Hold the trap by the edges away from the trigger.
- Place traps along walls in areas where rats are active. Place the trigger side against the wall.
- Keep children and pets away from traps.
- Use gloves when disposing of dead rats.

If you have an infestation, hire a professional to set out bait and follow these precautions:

- Ensure the bait station is enclosed to provide a shelter area for the rats to feed.
- Ensure children and pets do not have access to bait stations.
- Lock and secure the bait stations to prevent access to the bait.
- Use blocks of bait (anticoagulant) and secure the bait with wire.
- Be aware that bait can lead to secondary poisoning (for example, cats may become ill after eating rodents poisoned by bait).

Continue to monitor the effectiveness of your control measures.

- Clean up droppings as soon as they are observed, so that any new activity is apparent.
- Maintain sanitation and rodent proofing as preventive strategies.

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亲爱的居民:

请大家注意, 由于 Metrolinx 铁路施工, 您的邻居最近发现有很多老鼠。

如果您也发现老鼠或任何啮齿类动物, 请打电话给我的办公室, 这样可以帮助我们采取更有效的行动。我们的电话是 416-392-1374 或电子邮件 jim@karygiannis.net

老鼠通常在夜间活动, 并回避人们。以下的建议可以帮助你们有一个健康的环境, 并减少接触啮齿类动物。

观察您的物业, 判断老鼠在哪里居住、途经和吃食物。

- 在您的物业范围内观察老鼠的迹象(胶囊状的粪便、洞穴、咀嚼过的食物、在墙壁和物品表面的咬痕)。

改善环境卫生, 消除做窝的地方。

- 带有密封盖并防鼠的垃圾储存容器。
- 减少杂物, 防止有躲藏的地点(木堆、旧轮胎等等)。
- 消除食物的来源(落在地上的水果、在户外的宠物食品、草种等等)。
- 保护好肥料, 防止啮齿动物进入。
- 保持野鸟喂食器和鸟池周边地区的清洗。



防止啮齿动物进入你的家。

- 检查自己的家里是否有啮齿动物的入口(任何直径大于 1 英寸的孔)。
- 使用大尺寸的金属丝网覆盖通风口。
- 使用金属片覆盖漏洞。

使用陷阱来减少现有老鼠的数量。

- 弹夹比有毒的诱饵好, 因为可以防止儿童和宠物接触有害的诱饵。
- 带饵陷阱(花生酱、巧克力、热狗等)应放置在老鼠经常活动的地区, 但不重复在同一处设置陷阱。
- 小心放置老鼠陷阱。拿着这个陷阱的边缘, 远离触发器。
- 陷阱放置在靠墙壁的地方, 并在老鼠活跃的区域。触发器那边靠墙壁。
- 让孩子和宠物远离陷阱。
- 使用手套处理死鼠。

如果您家有群侵, 请雇用专业人士设置诱饵陷阱和遵循以下这些防范措施:

- 确保毒饵站在一个隐蔽的地方。
- 确保儿童和宠物不能触摸到毒饵站。
- 锁住并确保毒饵站安全, 以防止他人接触到毒饵站。
- 使用诱饵块(抗凝剂)并确保诱饵电线的安全。
- 注意诱饵可能导致二次中毒(例如,猫吃中毒后的啮齿类动物可能生病)。

继续关注您防治措施的有效性。

- 清理粪便时就观察粪便, 看看有否新的活动痕迹。
- 保持环境卫生和预防啮齿类动物的策略。

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