

ELIMINATION

The Village of Bartonville takes pride in maintaining a safe, healthy and welcoming environment for everyone. To prevent "unwanted guests" from becoming a nuisance, we are asking for your help in rat prevention. Just like any other living creature, rats will seek out basic essentials such as water, food & shelter. Make sure you are not inadvertently providing these essentials on your property.

Most hardware, home improvement, grocery or discount stores sell rat baits and traps. However, these things can be harmful to children and pets. Please follow the directions on the package for use.

Although traps and baits are an effective strategy, they are only a temporary solution to a long-term problem. The only way to permanently eliminate rats is to eliminate the things they need to survive.

For residents not wishing to handle traps or baits, there are numerous pest control agencies available in our area.



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5912 S. Adams Street
Bartonville, IL 61607
(309)697-2053

VOB Police Department
5918 S. Adams Street
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(309)697-2323

VOB Public Works
1607 W. Garfield Avenue
Bartonville, IL 61607
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Preventing Rats

Tips & Information on
preventing, controlling
& eliminating
unwanted guests in
your neighborhood



Village of Bartonville
We want EVERYONE to live in a
safe & healthy environment!

CONTROL & PREVENTION

Household garbage is a source of shelter & food for rats.



Rats will adapt to their environment and can live in a variety of places that include homes and other structures, farms, fields, parks and anywhere else they can find the basic resources needed for survival.



According to the CDC, rats can also spread diseases to people by direct & indirect contact. Some of those include:

- Hantavirus
- Lassa Fever
- Monkeypox
- Omsk Hemorrhagic Fever
- Rat-Bite Fever
- Salmonellosis
- Sylvatic Typhus
- Tularemia
- & others

ELIMINATE SHELTER



- Do not place debris/garbage or furniture on the ground or against buildings or structures.
- Items stored outside should be at least 18 inches from any structure walls or fences.
- Items such as firewood, building materials, boxes, bags of mulch, etc. should be stored at least 18" off the ground.
- Keep your property free of brush, weed and grass overgrowth at all times.



ELIMINATE FOOD

- Bird feeders should hang at least 5 feet above the ground and spilled seed should be cleaned up.
- Pet food and water should not be left out for long periods of time or overnight.
- Pet waste should be picked up immediately because rats will use it as a food source.
- Outside trash cans should have tight fitting lids and trash must be placed inside the cans.

ELIMINATE WATER

- Remove items such as toys, pet bowls, tires, plastic cups, kiddie pools, garbage can lids or any other objects that can collect and hold liquid as a water source for rats.