



Preventing rats on your property

How to identify evidence of rats

- Look for rat burrow holes or nests. They are typically found in gardens, under bushes and plants, wood piles, or cluttered areas.
- Look for rat droppings. They are commonly found close to waste areas, sources of food and gardens.
- Look for gnaw marks on wood or plastic waste bins, these are markings from a rat's teeth.

How to control rats on your property

Eliminate food and water sources

- We encourage you to store your waste properly. Ensure that the lid of your garbage, recycling and organics bin is closed at all times and your bins are in good condition (e.g. no holes).
- Clean up any spilled bird seed from the ground and avoid bird feeders until the yard is rat-free.
- Turn off and drain water features, bird baths or any containers that hold water.

Eliminate potential shelter

- Keep wood piles or other materials away from walls, and at least 30 cm (1 ft.) off the ground.
- Keep your grass short. Trim shrubs and plantings.

Eliminate points of entry

- Seal all holes and cracks in foundations, walls, floors and windows. Rats can squeeze through openings the size of a quarter.

Community effort

Rats travel through neighbourhoods to find food, water and shelter. It's important for community members to work together to prevent infestations in your neighbourhood. If possible, work with your surrounding neighbours to remove any conditions that rats need to survive.

Residential Rat Control Subsidy Pilot Program now available

The Region of Peel's Residential Rat Control Subsidy Pilot Program will be available from March 22, 2021 to March 31, 2022 for Peel residents. The pilot program was launched to help qualifying residents that are experiencing rat infestations on the exterior of their property. Residential property owners may be eligible for a 50 per cent subsidy of the cost in hiring a Region of Peel approved pest control vendor, up to a maximum of \$200 per calendar year, per residential Peel address.

Eligibility requirement

- You must own or occupy a single-family residential, detached, duplex, or triplex residential home in Brampton, Mississauga, or Caledon.
- Determine that the exterior of your property has a rat infestation
- Hire a Region of Peel approved pest control vendor
- Complete the application and submit all applicable documents including invoices

Condominiums or multi-residential properties are not eligible to apply. Contact your property management company to address rat problems at your property.

To learn more and see if you are eligible for the **Residential Rat Control Subsidy Pilot Program**, visit peelregion.ca/rat-subsidy-program, contact the Region of Peel at **905-791-7800** or email zzgratcontrolsubsidy@peelregion.ca

