

# Rodent-proof your property

If you have rats it doesn't mean your property is dirty, it means there is shelter and an open food source for them.

Rats are attracted to small spaces because they feel protected. If a space is small enough for rodents to access, but not for their predators such as cats and dogs, rats will make it a home.

Rats can make homes in anything that provides shelter including sheds and garages, wood or rock piles, under enclosed patios and stairwells and in unwanted items such as old water tanks, appliances, building materials and tires.

## How to prevent rats:

### Remove food sources

- Do not store garbage outside; place it at the curb no earlier than 6 a.m. on your pickup day
- Remove bird feeders or attach catch basins so bird feed does not fall on the ground
- Do not store pet food, bird feed and lawn seed outside
- Compost properly – do not add fish or meat to backyard compost bins

### Remove potential shelters

- Tall grass, weeds and vegetation next to buildings and fences should be removed
- Lumber, rocks, garbage, building material and other materials should be removed
- Do not enclose the base of patios and raised stairwells, not even with lattice
- Items that must be stored outside should be at least 46cm (18 inches) off the ground and 30cm (12 inches) from walls and fences

## Rat proof your property:

- Make it impossible for rats to get into any structure
- Use screens in drains and tightly seal where utilities enter buildings
- Install a metal kicking plate or heavy weather stripping beneath doors, including garage doors
- If building a patio or shed on a grade, bury sheet metal 30cm (12 inches) below the grade and skirting

## Eliminate rats:

Rat eradication is best done by a professional pest control operator. Look up 'Pest Control Services' in the Yellow Pages or online.

## For more information:

Visit [www.stjohns.ca](http://www.stjohns.ca), look under Living in St. John's -> City services -> Pest Control

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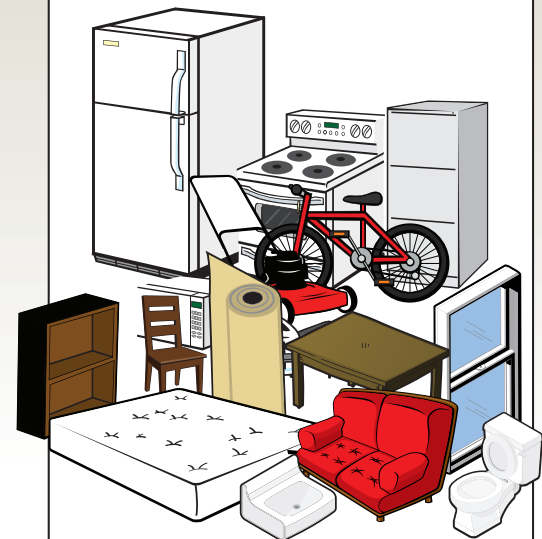
## Access St. John's

City-related questions and non-emergency services 24 hours a day  
Call 311 or (709) 754-CITY (2489) e-mail us at [service@stjohns.ca](mailto:service@stjohns.ca)



## Free Bulk Garbage and Metal Collection

Keep your property clean with free bulk garbage & recyclable metals pick-up. Only until August 28 to make an appointment call: **311 or 754-CITY (2489)**



Bring it to Robin Hood Bay, 340 East White Hills Road, every week, Tuesday to Saturday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Learn more details at [www.curbitstjohns.ca](http://www.curbitstjohns.ca)

# Get your yard ready for the summer!

## Grasscycling

### Mow and Go

Leave grass clippings on your lawn



**Keep your lawn green  
Save time and money**

#### Tips:

Keep your mower height at 6 cms and your blade sharp.

Mow grass when dry.

Cut only 1/3 of the grass blade at a time.

Cut often. Once or twice a week, depending on the growth.

Any lawnmower can grasscycle or you can purchase a mulching blade.

If you use a lawn care service ask them to grasscycle.

#### Benefits:

Save time no raking or bagging required

Saves money no need to buy bags

Saves space in the landfill

#### Green lawn:

Adds nutrients to your soil

Reduces moisture loss

Aerates the soil

#### Questions?

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## Watering your Lawn

### With a sprinkler

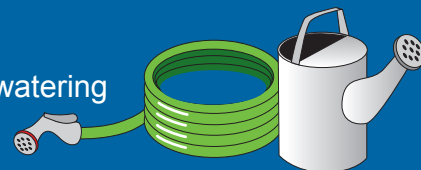
*Even house number*  
Tuesdays and Saturdays,  
6 to 8 a.m. and 8 to 10 p.m.

*Odd house number*  
Thursdays & Sundays, 6 to 8 a.m. and 8 to 10 p.m.



### Hand Water

Any day or time with a watering can or shut off nozzle.



### New lawns

Register with the City and water your new lawn every day, between 6 to 8 a.m. and 8 to 10 p.m., for 60 days after installation.



Register your new lawn by calling Access St. John's at 311 or 754-CITY (2489).

## Backyard Composting

When done properly, backyard composting does not smell or attract rodents.

Using compost is a better way to fertilize your garden and lawn and promotes the growth of healthy, plants and grass.

Learn how to backyard compost from the experts at the MUN Botanical Garden and get a bin for only \$30.

Register for a session at [www.curbitstjohns.ca](http://www.curbitstjohns.ca)

