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# How to get rid of rats



Rats need a place to live and food to eat. If you remove their shelter and food, rats cannot survive. Here's what you can do...

- Place bird food in a feeder, not on the ground.
- Clean up food spillage daily!
- Use metal trash cans or approved plastic with tight-fitting lids.
- Clean up fallen fruits and nuts from the ground.
- Remove pet food dishes promptly after feeding.
- Clean up animal waste frequently!
- Remove dilapidated shed or non-working automobiles. Repair or remove them!
- Rats can jump up to three feet and climb wires and pipe very well. Be sure to seal any openings to the house. This includes the garage, openings in the foundations, and basement floor drain.
- Be sure all windows that can be opened are screened and that the screens are in good condition.