



Lake County General Health District

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Willowick Resident:

The Lake County General Health District is working with the City of Willowick to address a rat problem that has been identified in your neighborhood.

We are requesting your cooperation in taking responsibility to maintain good sanitation practices to prevent rodent problems:

- A. Tight fitting lids are necessary on vermin proof garbage containers, preferably stored inside the garage.
- B. Place garbage containers at the curbside the morning of garbage pick-up, NOT the evening before.
- C. Clean all recyclables before storing outside in a covered container.
- D. Properly dispose of leaf debris and yard waste. Do not allow piles to accumulate.
- E. Compost piles must be in an approved container and properly maintained.
- F. Absolutely, **NO** feeding of the wildlife (birds, raccoons, squirrels, etc.) Do not store pet food, bird seed, peanuts, etc., in your garage or shed.
- G. If you keep your dog/cat outside, feed him/her only one meal at a time.
- H. Woodpiles must be properly stored on platforms 18 inches off of the ground.
- I. Make sure the garage door sweeps are intact and that there are no gaps underneath them. (Shed doors, too) Keep doors closed when not in use.

In addition a Homeowner's Guide and Rat-Proofing checklist are also enclosed.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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Public Health Sanitarian