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Lake County General Health District

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Dear Resident:

It has been brought to the attention of the Lake County General Health District, that there have been sightings of rats in your neighborhood. We are requesting your cooperation with this neighborhood problem. Evidence of rats has been found throughout your neighborhood and we need your cooperation in preventing them from harboring, feeding, and nesting on your property.

The following list contains items that must be done in order to eliminate the harboring, feeding, and nesting of rodents in your neighborhood:

- A. Tight fitting lids are necessary on vermin proof garbage containers. Preferably stored in the garage.
- B. Place garbage containers out on the curbside the morning of garbage pick-up, NOT the evening before.
- C. Clean all recyclables before storing outside.
- 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 etc., in your garage or shed.
- G. If you keep your dog/cat outside, feed him/her only what he can eat, no more.
- 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.

Please read the accompanying brochure for more information

We will be out periodically to ensure that these actions are being taken. Please feel free to contact me at (440)350-2839 or at emilitanteadvey@lcghd.org if you have any questions or concerns. We thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely,
Lake County General Health District

Liz Militante-Advey
Public Health Sanitarian