Did you know:

- Rats make nests in dense shrubbery, wood piles, garbage piles, compost mounds and utility sheds
- Rats will eat almost anything including garbage, bones, fruits, pet food, mice and pet droppings
- Rats can chew through plastic pet food containers if left outside
- Rats can cause power outages by chewing through power lines on the TOP of power poles

Seal Up!

Did you know rats can spread salmonella, rat-bite fever and other diseases? Cleaning up rodent urine and droppings requires special precautions to prevent getting sick.

Clean Up!

How to keep them out:

- Prevent access to food and water
- Store food in rat proof buildings, rooms or containers
- Keep garbage in cans and other sealed containers
- Pick up fruit that falls to the ground.
- Feed dogs or cats inside and clean up their droppings
- Prevent access to bird feeders

Recognizing Rat Activity:

- Rat droppings scattered in feeding areas or shelter; they are dark in color, spindle shaped and 1/2 inch long
- Greasy rub marks caused by the rat’s oily fur coming in contact with painted surfaces or wood beams
- Damaged, partially eaten fruit
- Rat sightings on utility cables, top of fences or in trees

For more information please contact Kittitas County Public Health at http://www.co.kittitas.wa.us/health/ or call 509-962-7515
Compare mouse vs. rat droppings.