Rodents must have adequate food and shelter in order to live and thrive. Removal of these 2 factors is the best way to prevent and control rodent problems. It is important to include both the outside and inside of your home in your sanitation efforts.

**Indoor Sanitation**

**Food**

* Clean areas under stoves, refrigerators and dishwashers
* Keep counter tops clear of food
* Do not leave glasses of water out overnight
* Store dry food, pet food and birdseed in sealed containers
* Clean pet bowls at night.

**Shelter**

* Keep storage areas free of clutter
* Rodent-Proof hard-to-access areas that tend to be neglected
* Store supplies or materials off the floor