



## **ATTENTION GARWOOD RESIDENTS**

**Board of Health 908-789-4070**  
**Street Department 908-789-1522**  
**Police Department 908-789-1500**  
**Municipal Offices 908-789-0710**



It has been brought to the attention of the Health Department that there is increased rodent activity in the Borough. Homeowners and tenants must take precautionary measures to prevent rodent attraction to your property. If you notice any rodent activity on or near your property, please contact the Board of Health immediately at 908-789-4070. **Below are instructions that should be followed by all citizens.**

- Clean up your yard and driveway of all debris, and cut any high grass and/or weeds. The Police Department will be enforcing the current ordinance. Violators are subject to a notice of violation.
- The owner, agent, lessee, tenant, or occupant of every dwelling or other premises where garbage accumulates shall provide and keep on such premises **sufficient and suitable receptacles with tight-fitting covers.** Said receptacles are not to exceed 35 gallon capacity. Overloading and spillage of garbage onto the ground is prohibited. Containers must be closed and trash can not be piled on top or outside the receptacle. **Placing trash curbside in plastic trash bags is prohibited.** Trash that is placed curbside in uncovered receptacles or in plastic bags will not be picked up. The Street Department will be enforcing the current ordinance. Violators are subject to a notice of violation.
- Eliminate possible rat harborage areas under porches and outside staircases, and around shed foundations by using fencing or blocking openings where possible. Note: A rat burrow is a hole in the soil approximately the size of a baseball.
- Pile all wood or other material stored outside into closely packed units at least six (6) inches off of the ground.
- Compost (leaves/grass/garden material) should be placed into a compost bin.
- Food for birds should be placed on a platform at least four feet from the ground and be constructed to eliminate food from spilling to the ground. Throwing of bread, crackers, or food scraps directly on to the ground for the purpose of feed birds encourages rats to harbor on your property and is prohibited.
- Feeding domestic animals outdoors should be avoided, or area should be checked and cleaned on a daily basis.
- Gardens should be fenced with small meshed wire and maintained on a regular basis.
- All pet owners and keepers are required to immediately and properly dispose of their pet's solid waste deposited on any property, public, or private, not owned or possessed by that person. Animal feces should be cleaned up from your property on a regular basis. It is unlawful to place animal feces into storm sewer basins.
- Remove any fruit that has fallen from trees on a daily basis.

**IF YOU BELIEVE THERE IS A VIOLATION IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD, PLEASE CALL 789-0710 TO REPORT. THE VIOLATION WILL BE INVESTIGATED BY THE APPROPRIATE AUTHORITY.**

**\*\*\* From the Office of Dennis J. McCarthy, Mayor – Borough of Garwood \*\*\***

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