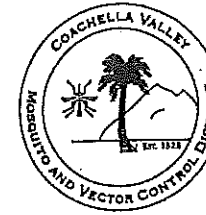


OUTSIDE PROBLEM	BEFORE	AFTER	SOLUTION
<b>PIPES</b> • Water Heater • Outside Water Main • All Small Holes			A. Patch with Fix-All® B. Screen.
<b>VENTS</b> • Subfloor Vents • Attic Vents (or Louvers) • Crawl Spaces			A. Attic Vents-Staple 1/4" cloth from inside. B. House Vent Insert-Repair or replace. C. Crawl Space Vent-Repair or replace with tight fitting screen.
<b>ROOF &amp; PLUMBING</b> • Chimneys • Turbines • Plumbing Vents			A. Toilet Vent-Screen off with 1/4" hardware cloth and hose clamp. B. Chimney-Screen off. C. Heat/Oven Vents-Screen off. D. Roof Turbines-Screen off from inside.
<b>DOORS</b> • Garage Entry • Garage Door			A. Door Threshold (to eliminate gap). B. Weather stripping or old garden hose tacked to bottom of garage door.
<b>ROOF</b> • Overlaps • Missing Shingles • Attic Vents			A. Screen off any openings. B. Fill small holes with Fix-All® or steel wool. C. Replace shingles.
<b>INSIDE PROBLEMS</b> • Stove Hood Vent • Behind Counter Openings • Under Sink Openings			A. Hood Stove Vent (from outside/roof only). B. Patch around water lines coming into home.
<b>AIR CONDITIONERS POOL HEATERS POOL SHEDS BLOCK WALL FENCE</b>	Check these and other harborage such as under redwood decks, under dog houses, in hollow concrete block fences, etc. All these should be sealed.		A. Stuff with steel or bronze wool. B. Cap or seal.



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## HOW TO PREVENT RATS AROUND YOUR HOME

**ELIMINATING RATS IS A COMMUNITY EFFORT! IF YOU HAVE RATS, YOUR NEIGHBOR MAY ALSO HAVE RATS.** The only successful and permanent method of rat control is the elimination of food, shelter and rodent exclusion. Please contact the **Coachella Valley Mosquito & Vector Control District (760) 342-8287** for a courtesy property inspection and recommendations for the control and prevention of roof rats.

### Food and Water

- \* Store pet food in sealed containers. Move food and water indoors at night. Store bulk feed 18 in. off ground and 1ft. from walls.
- \* Harvest fruit and nuts as they ripen, and store properly where rodents will not be able to get them. Remove fallen fruit daily.
- \* Remove all debris. Place garbage in tightly sealed trash containers.
- \* Repair leaks in faucets, drip irrigation and sprinkler systems. Avoid puddles from refrigeration condensation.

### Shelter

- \* Store outdoor items (hay, firewood, lumber) on shelves at least 18 in. off the ground and 1ft. from walls.
- \* Reduce or remove ground cover, dense ivy and other similar ornamentals.
- \* Trim vegetation and trees 2-3 ft. away from buildings. Remove old growth from palm trees. Remove all debris.
- \* Inspect outdoor storage sheds periodically.

