

Look
For

Evidence Of Rats

Nests are usually located in dark, secluded areas.

Nests



Size: ½ - ¾ inch long; with blunt ends.
Found in small groupings.

Droppings



Look near common pathways, food & water sources, or burrows & shelters.

Where to Look



Rodents can gnaw/chew through wood and plastic.
Rats can squeeze through a hole that is ½ inch wide.

Gnaw Marks & Holes



Evidence Indicating the Presence of Rats:

Look for signs of: live rats, rat droppings, burrows, gnaw marks, tracks, or runways.

Controlling rats requires removing the resources they need to survive, including: food, water, and shelter.



Rub Marks

Smudge marks are transferred from the oil and dirt on fur onto the walls they run along.



Where to Look

Rats utilize the same path frequently in a day. Look for signs of a runway on walls and worn down paths in the grass/mud.



Burrows

Burrows are holes in the dirt or concrete with smooth edges and have a width of 1-4 inches.



Where to Look

Look for (2) holes: an entrance and an exit.
Example: a shed, concrete slab, or wood pile.