



“OPERATION CLEAN SWEEP”



**The Town of Amherst & Erie County;
Working Together With You to Protect the
Public Health and Safety of ALL Residents!**

In an attempt to preserve the health, safety, and welfare of the public, as well as improve the overall quality of life in the Town of Amherst, Erie County Vector Control & The Town of Amherst Office of Refuse Control would like to advise you of the following town codes.

Article II of The Town of Amherst Solid Waste Code 169 states:



- *At no time may any garbage or trash be stored outside in plastic bags or other non-rodent proof containers. Storage containers used for Solid Waste services shall be kept secure and closed at all times. Areas for storage shall be kept free and clear of any and all accumulation that is not properly secured. Solid Waste Code 169-27. A-G*



- *No owner or occupant of any dwelling or dwelling unit and any other property shall store, place, or allow to accumulate any materials that may serve as food or harborage for rodents in a site accessible to rodents. Solid Waste Code 169-27.C*



- *No person shall feed in the open any domestic or wild fowl, birds, or animals except in such a manner to avoid the scattering of feed or seed upon the ground or ground level which can or will provide food for rodents, insects, vermin or other pests. Solid Waste Code 169-27.E*



- *Every occupant or owner of a dwelling or dwelling unit and any other property shall store and dispose of accumulated rubbish, boxes, lumber, scrap metal, tires or any other materials in a manner as to prevent rodent harboring in or about such property. Materials shall be stacked neatly in piles, elevated to a level high enough to permit effective cleaning. Solid Waste Code 169-27.B*



- *Every owner of a dwelling containing two or more dwelling units shall supply facilities or make provisions for the storage and disposal of accumulated rubbish, boxes, lumber, scrap metal, or any other materials in such a manner as to prevent rodent harborage in or about the shared or public areas of a dwelling or its premises. Materials must be stacked neatly in piles, elevated at a level high enough to permit effective cleaning. Solid Waste Code 169-27.B*



- *Owners of commercial business establishments must have a rodent control program in effect, which provides for abatement and control of rodents by a licensed exterminator. Solid Waste Code 169-27.F*
- *Prior to the issuance of a demolition permit, the applicant of the permit must establish that a licensed exterminator has completed rodent abatement at the site or certify that the property is free from rodents or other vermin. Solid Waste Code 169-27.G*



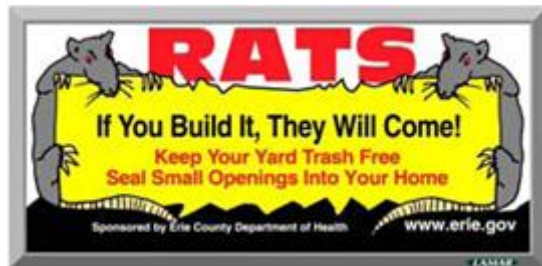
The Office of Refuse Control is hereby authorized to issue and serve Appearance Tickets and/or Violation Summons with respect to violations of Article II.

While the intent of the law is not to fine residents, repeat offenders will be subject to the following enforcement action:

- **1st Offense- Written Warning**
- **2nd Offense- Within 12 month period- \$100.00 fine**
- **3rd Offense- Within 12 month period-\$150.00 fine**
- **4th Offense- Within 12 month period-\$300.00 fine**



**Town of Amherst Office of Refuse Control
Town of Amherst Highway Dept.
1042 N. Forest Rd.
Williamsville, NY 14221**



Questions or problems call the Office of Refuse Control 631-7119



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Protect your neighborhood! if you see something, say something!

It is *your* responsibility to help prevent the infestation of rats

You can eliminate a rat's source of food and water:

- Store garbage in Town issued garbage totes or in cans with tight fitting lids at all times. **IT'S THE LAW!** Remove and dispose of dog waste daily.
- **Thoroughly clean all items to be recycled**
- Rat proof bird feeders to prevent seed from falling on the ground. At no time should any seed or other food product be provided on the ground. Do not feed birds excessively, and clean up any spilled seed daily.
- Remove sources of water.



You can eliminate a rat's shelter and harborage:

- Keep property free and clear of all accumulated materials stored along garages and fences. Rake up all leaves, grass, and papers and properly dispose of.
- Cut all high grass and weeds.
- Pile wood and other storage materials away from walls and at least 18 inches above the ground.
- Seal any exterior holes in your homes foundation and walls.
- If you do compost, all compost piles by law must be rodent proof. Follow recommended methods for proper composting. Never use meats or cooked foods as compost material. Check for evidence of any rodent harborage and take appropriate action if rats or mice are found. Don't let your compost pile become a "rat condo"!



Fight Rats One Yard at a Time

**In cooperation with the Erie County Department of Health
 Rabies, Disease, and Vector Control Program**