

# CITY OF CRANSTON



## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

869 Park Avenue  
Cranston, RI 02910  
401-780-3175

### PUBLIC NOTICE – August 28, 2008

Dear Resident/Occupant:

Cranston DPW has received notification of rodent sightings from residents in several areas of the City. In response to these sightings, the City's Rodent Control Officer continues to take action to abate the problems. In areas where your trash collection day is on Tuesday, your property will be inspected by an ID-bearing Griggs & Browne representative in the coming few weeks. They will have no need to enter your home or business – only a need to inspect your exterior property. Please be prepared to allow property access in accordance with City Ordinance 8.36.040. If it is determined that rodent treatment is required, your written permission will be necessary by signing a no-cost Agreement, which would allow for future treatments as needed.

Please make every effort to follow these guidelines in order to reduce infestation:

- Put garbage and food waste in plastic trash bags, then tightly seal. Store plastic trash bags in **securely covered** trash containers or barrels that animals cannot invade. **Do not put loose garbage or food waste in barrels.**
- Rinse recyclable containers** of any food residue to avoid attracting rats.
- Please replace trash containers that have holes or are worn thin that rats may chew through. Heavy gauge plastic or metal containers are readily available for purchase at local hardware stores or home centers.
- Do not store pet food outdoors, or in garages and sheds that rats may access.
- Do not feed birds, squirrels, or any other wildlife.
- Clean up all pet waste immediately. **Rats feed on pet waste!**
- Do not pile up trash, wood, or any other refuse that will create a harborage for rats.
- Report any sightings of rats or evidence of their presence to Department of Public Works at 780-3175. Provide the address, location, date and time of day the sighting occurred.
- Disposal of dead rats** – protect yourself with gloves, use a double plastic bag, place in a covered trash barrel for weekly pickup.

Any violators of these provisions may be issued citations by our minimum housing officer and face penalties up to \$400 per instance in accordance with the following City Ordinances:

- Chapter 8: Garbage, Rubbish and Trash and Weeds; and Rodent Control
- Chapter 15: Housing - Minimum Standards

We will be working and spending City Funds to abate the problem and ask for your cooperation in this effort.  
Respectfully yours,

Anthony M. Sylvia, PE  
Director