



CITY OF WALTHAM

MASSACHUSETTS

BOARD OF HEALTH

JOHN P. ZUPPE
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH

RAT ADVISORY

To: Waltham Residents

Re: **Proper trash storage**

1. 410.600: STORAGE OF GARBAGE AND RUBBISH –

- A. Garbage or mixed garbage and rubbish shall be stored in watertight receptacles with tight fitting covers. Said receptacles and covers shall be of metal or other durable, rodent proof material. Garbage and rubbish shall be put out for collection no earlier than the day of collection.
- B. Plastic bags shall be used to store garbage or mixed rubbish and garbage only if used as a liner in watertight receptacles with tight-fitting covers as required in 105 CMR 410.600 (A), provided that the plastic bags may be put out for collection except in those places where such practice is prohibited by local rule or ordinance or except in those cases where the Department of Public Health determines that such practice constitutes a health problem. For purposes of the preceding sentence, in making its determination the Department shall consider, among other things, evidence of strewn garbage, torn garbage bags or evidence of rodents.
- D. The occupants of each dwelling, shall be responsible for the proper placement of his garbage and rubbish in the receptacles required in 105 CMR 410.600 (C) or at the point of collection by the owner.

2. 410.602: MAINTENANCE OF AREAS FREE FROM GARBAGE AND RUBBISH -

- A. Land. The owner of any parcel of land, vacant or otherwise, shall be responsible for maintaining such parcel of land in a clean and sanitary condition and free from garbage, rubbish or other refuse.

3. BIRD FEEDERS - We HIGHLY RECOMMEND eliminating bird feeders and ground feeding while the City of Waltham is dealing with the rat issue.