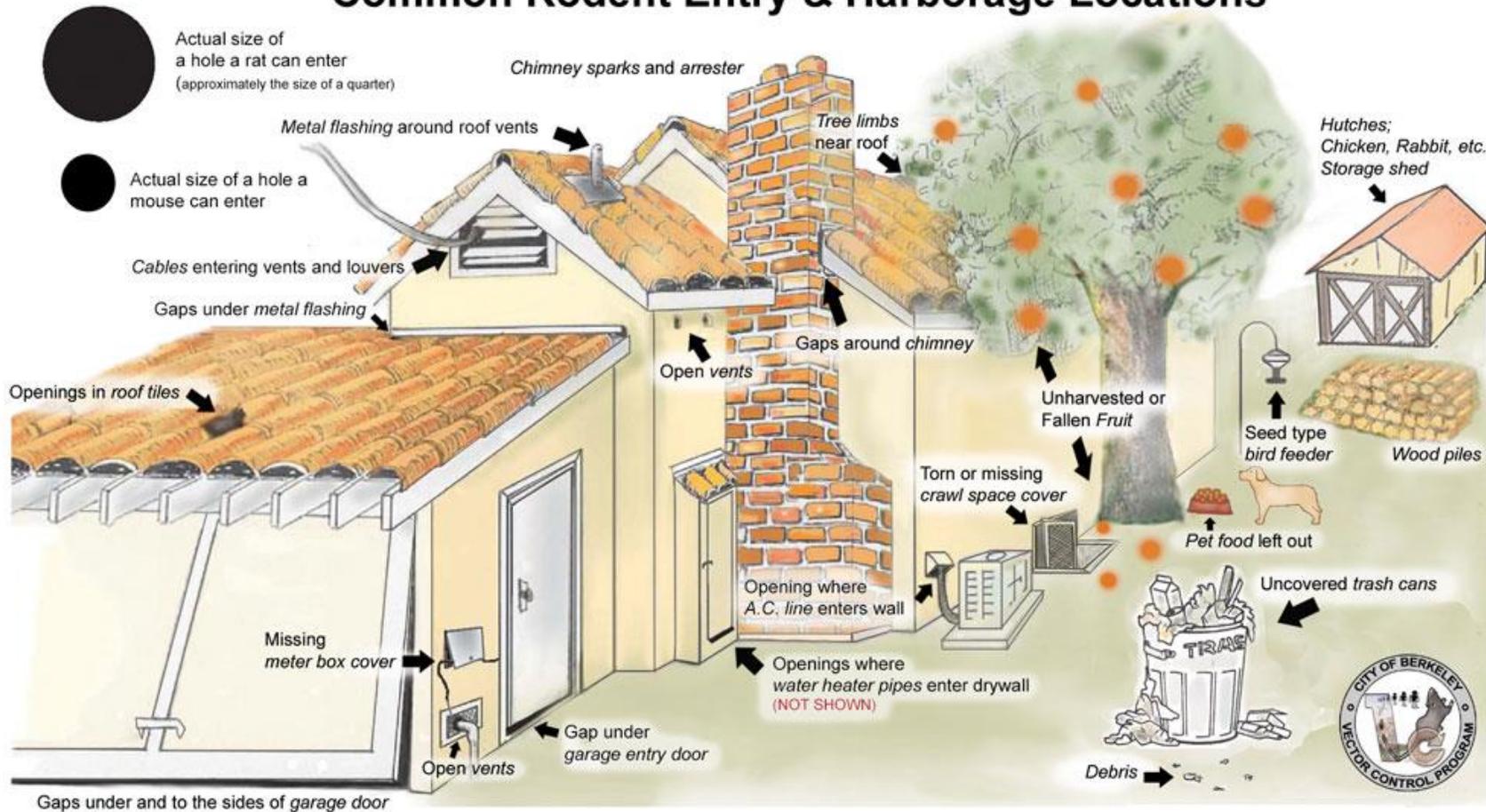


COMMON RODENT ENTRY LOCATION

- Broken or missing foundation vent screens or attic vent screens.
- Overlapping roof.
- Open wooden meter boxes (in older homes).
- Space between roof jack and vent pipe.
- Under or on sides of garage door.
- Brick chimneys which have settled away from house.
- Crawl hole with poorly fitted lid.
- Tile roof.
- Broken or open building sewers which connect to the main sanitary sewer. (Norway rats).
- Toilets. (Norway rats).

Common Rodent Entry & Harborage Locations



STEPS TO RODENT CONTROL

Rat survival depends upon the existence of 3 basic environmental factors: (1) Food, (2) Water, and (3) Harborage.

STEP 1: Eliminate Food and Water

- Remove all potential sources of food from the premises, such as bird seed left out for birds.
- Routinely harvest ripe fruit and pick up all fruit that has fallen to the ground.
- Store pet food in metal containers with tight sealing lids and do not leave uneaten pet food outdoors.
- Avoid storing food in garages and storage sheds unless it is in rat-proof covered metal containers.
- Control snails and clean up pet feces because they are favored food items.
- Keep trash cans closed at all times with tightly fitted lids.
- Repair leaking faucets, sprinklers, or other piping. Keep drain covers tightly fastened and eliminate standing water.

STEP 2: Destroy Rats

- Rats should be snap trapped if they are inside a residence or building. Place traps near nesting areas or where rats are likely to hide. Do not place traps where children or pets will disturb or be harmed by them. Remember, snap traps are very DANGEROUS!
- Poisoning with baits indoors is NOT recommended because a rat may die inside the structure and create an odor and fly problem. Poison baits may be used when following recommended guidelines.
- Remove dead rats by placing animals in tightly sealed containers for proper disposal. Clean and disinfect the affected areas.

STEP 3: Eliminate Shelter & Harborage

- Close all openings larger than ¼ inch to exclude rats and mice.
- Repair or replace damaged vent screens.
- Remove all trash and debris.
- Stack woodpiles, lumber and household items at least 18 inches above the ground, and 12 inches away from fences and walls.
- Trim trees, bushes and vines at least 4 feet away from the roof.
- Remove heavy vegetation away from buildings and fences.
- Thin vegetation to allow daylight in and remove rat hiding places.

STEP 4: Maintain a Rat Free Property

- After rats have been reduced, prevent reinfestation by keeping harborage and food sources to a minimum.

This information comes from the City of Berkeley Environmental Health Division and can be found at:
http://www.ci.berkeley.ca.us/Health_Human_Services/Environmental_Health/Control_Preventions_of_Rodents.aspx#Steps_to_Rodent_Control