ALLEY CAT

AFTER RODENT EXCLUSION
8 checks to repeat, not complete once

Less food. Less water. Less shelter.

Rodents want the same things we do: **food, water, and shelter.** If those stay easy to find outside, rodents have a reason to stay around your property. Alley Cat helps kick rodents out of the home. Ongoing upkeep helps keep them away from the property.

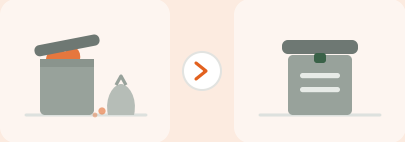
ALLEY CAT + HOMEOWNER
Exclusion + property care + prompt reporting.

OR

ALLEY CAT + ALL PESTS (OPTIONAL)
Exclusion + exterior monitoring and control.

Remove food.

LESS ACCESS → A CLEANER SETUP



- [ ] **Secure every trash bin.** Keep trash, recycling, and food-scrap bins closed. No loose bags or overflow; wash food residue from bins. [1,2]
- [ ] **Seal stored food.** Use tight-lidded metal, glass, or heavy-duty plastic for food, pet food, and seed. Replace gnawed plastic; avoid bags and cardboard. [1,4]
- [ ] **Pick up food + pet waste.** Pick up fallen fruit, nuts, seeds, and pet waste daily. Harvest ripe produce and bring leftover pet food indoors. [2,4]
- [ ] **Control birdseed.** Skip bird feeders, or catch and clean spilled seed daily. Stop feeding birds when rodent activity appears. [3,4]

Remove water.

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- [ ] **Remove water sources.** Repair leaky faucets and irrigation. Empty standing water and unused saucers; bring pet bowls indoors with your pets. [1,4]

Repeat.

Plants grow.
Food falls.
New gaps form.

This is not one-and-done.

Remove shelter.

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- [ ] **Trim vegetation back.** Leave 2-3 ft between shrubs and walls; remove climbing vines. Keep branches at least 6 ft from the roof. [2]
- [ ] **Clear clutter + raise wood.** Remove debris and unused storage. Stack firewood at least 18 in above ground and 12 in from walls or fences. [3,4]
- [ ] **Watch for new openings.** Keep garage doors closed. Check vents, door sweeps, and seals after repairs or storms; report new gaps or indoor activity to Alley Cat. [1,2]

Outdoor sightings can still occur. Nearby demolition can displace rodents. Report new indoor signs to Alley Cat. [2,5]

Prefer less hands-on upkeep?

All Pests, our sister company, can provide exterior rodent monitoring and rodent control if you do not want to manage this checklist on your own. Pairing ongoing exterior support with Alley Cat exclusion creates a more complete rodent solution. Routine property upkeep still matters.

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Sources: [1] CDC [2] UC IPM [3] EPA [4] San Mateo Vector Control [5] Virginia Dept. of Health

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