

Rodent Abatement and Wildlife Control Measures in the City of Alexandria

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Rodent Control Program - <https://www.alexandriava.gov/code/info>

The City of Alexandria has undertaken an intensive rodent abatement program. Rodents not only carry disease but also destroy property. To control the population, Alexandria has several programs in place that operate on a proactive basis throughout the city every day.

The Rodent Control Program is funded through the City's annual budget which provides funds for the baiting of sewers and other outdoor properties owned by the City.

The following programs, along with construction project requirements, help keep Alexandria's rodent population under control:

- **Special Use Permit Program:** Those businesses and restaurants operating under a Special Use Permit must provide an above ground bait box on the exterior of their property. These bait boxes are to be maintained year round.
- **Residential Rental Property Program:** This program contains a provision that requires apartment buildings to use bait boxes on their property year round, and that homeowners with five or more properties bait once a year.
- **Rodent Control for Fire Prevention Permit Applications:** The City presently baits all public areas and the city's sewers on a regular basis however, this is not effective without support from the city's business community. The City cannot bait on private property. To that end, the City has incorporated the Rodent Control Program into the yearly Fire Prevention Permit Application Package. We are requesting that at least once each year businesses receive an exterior rodent extermination treatment for rats by a professional extermination company. Above ground bait stations should be used. Your Proof of Extermination can be returned along with your application for your Fire Prevention Permit Application Package.

If you have any questions or need more information, please contact the Department of Code Administration at 703-746-4200 or **email** the Permit Center to file a complaint.

From Inspector Purchase:

- We bait the sanitary sewers in the old town area.
- I have had our contractor paying particular attention to the waterfront area since the beginning construction of 220 Union Street.
- In addition, we bait many of the alleys along the restaurant area of old town.
- We do not bait private property as it is not permitted under federal law.
- We can provide specific sewer baiting in the old town area if they request it through me.
- However, I think they will find we are already baiting the sewers in their area on a regular basis.

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WILDLIFE - [HTTP://ALEXANDRIAANIMALS.ORG/](http://ALEXANDRIAANIMALS.ORG/)

NUISANCE WILDLIFE

To report wildlife that is not injured or aggressive and does not pose a safety threat (e.g. raccoon under porch), please contact [Humane Wildlife Services](#), 866-948-6263.

INJURED WILDLIFE

To report injured wildlife that does not pose a safety threat, please contact [The Wildlife Rescue League](#), 703-440-0800.

DANGEROUS WILDLIFE

For all wildlife that poses a safety threat (e.g. raptors/birds of prey or suspected rabies carriers), please contact Animal Control, 703-746-4774 or 703-838-4444 (after hours).

From Chief Rees:

Raccoons are a big point of concern in Alexandria City and we have been educating the community as we receive calls about them, and do removal as it fits our policy.

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