



## Rodent Control in Brooklyn Park - Frequently Asked Questions

### **What should I do with old trash cans when I get new ones from the county?**

Do the following with your old trash cans:

1. Use them for excess trash. The County Code allows households to put out four containers of trash;
2. Mark them with an "X" and use them for yard waste (e.g., grass, leaves, small brush) collection;
3. Mark them with an "X" and use them for recycling collection occasions when there are more recyclables than the recycle carts or containers can hold;
4. Give them to a friend, neighbor or family member when no longer needed; or
5. Bring them to the Northern Recycling Center, 100 Dover Road NE, Glen Burnie so that the county can recycle them with other metal or rigid plastic items. Monday - Saturday, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

### **How and when am I going to receive my trash cans?**

Trash containers will be delivered to the front yard of each home by the trash container manufacturer. Properties on an alley are expected to receive them in May. All other trash containers are expected to be delivered in mid-August.

### **Who can I contact to request pest control services?**

You can contact a Department of Health representative at 410-222-0056. The representative will notify your area team members of the request and will contact you when they are performing the community assessment in your neighborhood.

### **How can I protect my pet from pesticide poisoning?**

Pet safety is a concern of the Department of Health and the pest control contractor. The Pesticide Permission Form requests information related to areas of the property that pets use. Specific questions should be directed to the pest control contractor. Pet owners are advised to keep pets away from all pesticides placed on the property and restrain pets on a leash, if necessary.

### **Will I be able to get additional trash cans if two are not sufficient?**

Additional trash cans will not be available. The county encourages recycling, and recycling containers are available at no cost. Call the Department of Public Works Bureau of Waste Management Services at 410-222-6100 to request recycling containers.

### **When will my property be checked for rodents?**

The 21225 ZIP code has been divided into eight areas. Each area is divided into a walk zone where the property is on an alley and a drive zone where the property is not on an alley. All properties will have an initial survey between May 8 and July 14. Community Survey Signs will be posted one to two weeks prior to the scheduled survey dates.

### **Will dead rats be removed from my property?**

When they are on-site to replenish pesticides in bait stations or burrows the pest control contractors will remove dead rodents. If a dead rodent is observed at other times, it is advised that you remove the rodent yourself. Pick the rodent up with a shovel or another device and place it in a plastic bag or wrapped newspaper. Then dispose of it in your household trash.

### **How can I protect my trash cans from theft?**

The Department of Health recommends that you label your trash containers with your house number. All trash containers should be placed on the curb by 6:00 a.m. on the day of collection. Empty containers must be removed from the curb by midnight on collection day.

### **What if one of my neighbors does not store trash properly?**

The purpose of the community survey is to educate residents on proper trash storage and exterior maintenance. The community will be assisted with rodent control until the educational campaign is complete. The Department of Health will undertake enforcement where a resident, after repeated attempts, fails to comply with the Anne Arundel County Property Maintenance Code.