

Building or demolishing in Ajax?

What you need to know about rats



When a site is disturbed in a substantive way, rat populations that may be living there will seek shelter elsewhere. This can include natural areas and also nearby residential, commercial and institutional neighbourhoods.

To help minimize the impact of rats, the Town now requires pest clearance certificates in cases where a demolition, servicing or construction project has the potential to disturb rat habitats.

A pest clearance certificate from an Ontario-accredited pest control company may now be required to accompany any of the following permit applications:

- Demolition Permit
- Sediment and Erosion Control Permit
- Site Alteration / Site Servicing Permit

Decisions will be made based on a number of risk factors, including proximity to residential areas, complaints received in the surrounding areas about rats, and likelihood of rat habitats being present on the subject lands.

Applicants will be notified by the Town as part of the development review process if a certificate is required. The certificate must be issued by an Ontario-accredited pest control agent, and be no older than 60 days from the date of application at the request of the Town.



General Pest Prevention Tips:

- Ensure the property is clear of potential nesting sites by minimizing clutter
- Cut tall grass and weeds from the property
- Secure all garbage, including food waste, in containers with tight-fitting lids
- Raise woodpiles at least 1 foot off the ground

For more information, please contact the Town's Planning & Development Services department at planningservices@ajax.ca or 905-619-2529.

