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**Rodent Abatement and Control
Declaration – Demolition and
House Move**

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This bulletin is to inform Owners, Builders, and Contractors of the requirements for conducting rodent abatement when applying to demolish or move houses.

Summary

- Rodent abatement assessment must be conducted prior to demolition or movement of a house or structure.
- A [Rodent Abatement and Control Declaration](#) form or Summary Report detailing measures taken for rodent inspection and abatement must be completed by a licensed Pest Control Company and submitted **no more than 2 weeks** prior to the issuance of demolition permit.
- A demolition application is to be submitted and approved, prior to demolition. Submission requirements are listed in the [Demolition Permit Application Form](#).
- New applications received after **February 1, 2024** must comply with the submission requirements.

General Information

Rodents come into conflict with people when they contaminate stored food with droppings, nest in structures, gnaw on wires, insulation, or wood, and burrow in yards. Rodent infestations in structures (houses) in particular, can lead to an increased localized spike in rodent conflicts when the house is demolished. Conducting effective rodent abatement prior to demolition eliminates the potential for conflicts and maintains community safety during demolition.

The City of Richmond has proactively provided strategic guidelines for rodent abatement on City lands. Our webpage has also outlined details of the management approach to invasive species so as to increase public awareness.

Should you have any questions, comments or suggestions concerning Rodent Abatement and Control Program, please contact our 24 Hour Hotline at **604-276-4316** or submit an email to EnvSustainability@richmond.ca.

For other inquiries on the demolition form, please call the Building Approvals General Inquiries line at **604-276-4118** or email building@richmond.ca.

References

- City of Richmond [Invasive Species – Rodent](#)