

Avoid problems With Vermin



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Vermin

Vermin are animals which cause harm to humans, pets, crops, real estate, cars and other things.

Rats

Rats and mice can cause damage in and around our properties, such as gnawing damage to electrical wires, which in the worst case can lead to fires. They will chew insulation which makes it cold indoors. They can also carry infectious agents which are not good for human health and can make us sick.

A rat/mouse pair can give produce up to 1000 new rats/mice in one year.

Rats and mice like to seek shelter in warm places in the house during the winter, where they then eat most of what they can get their hands on. They can enter through holes that are two centimeters or larger.

Birds

The birds' corrosive feces cause damage to facades, roofs and cars. The droppings and their bedding material can clog downspouts, rain gutters, ventilation and chimneys, which increases the risk of damage caused by damp in our buildings.

They can also carry parasites and infectious agents which are not good for human health and can make us sick. Birds' feces may also contain infectious agents.

Large numbers of birds in public places can cause discomfort to some people.

This is what you can do

- Throw your garbage in the right bin.
- Keep clean areas which can attract vermin.
- Throw your picnic leftovers in a trash can.
- Do not feed the birds. Rats will eat bird food.
- Take care of fallen fruit in the garden.
- Clean rain gutters and downspouts.
- Keep clean around the ventilation pipes and chimney.
- Keep the grass short and do not plant shrubs, creepers and trees near the facade.
- Make sure that through connection under the sink, to broadband or district heating are well sealed.



Together we can help keep the number of vermin in check. It is especially important that we keep our parks, our squares and around our recycling stations clean and tidy.



If you have problems with vermin, please contact your insurance company.

Botkyrka Municipality only controls the presence of rats, mice and birds on the municipality's land, not on private real estate land.

If you detect rats or other vermin on Botkyrka municipality's land, you can report this to "Complaint" on the municipality's website, www.botkyrka.se.

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