

Trash Management Best Practices for Residents

To reduce rodents in the Mystic Valley area, it is key to ensure that all members of the community are taking part in Best Management Practices (BMP). Below are ways that you as a occupant can take part in BMPs.

Keep Trash Covered

Keep recycle bins and trash barrels covered if you aren't filling or emptying

Schedule consistent pickup so trash doesn't overflow, creating food for rats.



Limit Liquids

Non-grease liquids can go down the drain. Grease and oils need to be secured in a container or bag before being placed in the trash



Check for holes

Make sure that the trash receptacle don't have holes and regularly clean your barrel so it is free of debris



Keep Area Clean

Make sure that the general area is not accumulating trash and trash is not flowing in to storm drains near by.



Illegal Dumping

Consider locking your dumpster or trash in order to prevent illegal dumping and add signage such as "Illegal Dumping is a violation of the law."



Recycle!

Recycle as much as possible. Make sure to clean recycling before placing it outside in a recycling bin.



Safe Waterways

Place trash collection away from storm drains so it doesn't go into waterways.

NEVER discharge wash-water to storm drains on the street.

