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## **ADVISORY ON PEST CONTROL RESPONSIBILITY**

We take great pride in the cleanliness and beauty of our City, and we all have a part to play in keeping our City as a clean and beautiful place to live, work, and play. The responsibility for the control of pests, such as mice, rats, shrews, insects, etc., rests with the owner and/or the occupant of the land, dwelling or business.

**The City does not provide pest control services or advice regarding private property. If you are experiencing a problem with pests on your own private property, please contact a private pest control company.**

To minimize pests on private property and in the City's open space areas, Mount Pearl residents are requested to:

- keep private property clean of garbage and litter that attract rodents;
- ensure that bird feeders and compost bins, which can attract rodents, are properly maintained;
- remove animal feces, which attracts rodents, from your property in a timely fashion; and
- place litter in garbage receptacles when in City green and public spaces.

Regarding pest control on property owned by the City of Mount Pearl, the City performs pest control services on all parks, playgrounds, facilities, waterways and public right-of-ways. The City's ongoing programs are used to control pests (i.e. rats, mice, shrews, etc.). If you suspect there is a pest problem on City-owned property, please contact the city at 748-1000 or e-mail [publicworks@mountpearl.ca](mailto:publicworks@mountpearl.ca) to arrange for an inspection.

Regarding pest control in areas under development, the City requires developers to have a pest control plan in place. If you observe a pest problem in or adjacent to an area being developed, please report this to the Planning, Engineering and Development Department at 748-1000 or e-mail [planning@mountpearl.ca](mailto:planning@mountpearl.ca) and staff will follow up with the relevant developer.

If you observe a pest issue with a neighbouring residential or commercial property, please report this to the Planning, Engineering and Development Department at 748-1000 or [planning@mountpearl.ca](mailto:planning@mountpearl.ca), for follow up with the property owner if there has been a violation of building and maintenance regulations.