

Gravelbourg Adm

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Hi Ward,

Sorry I sent this last week but missed one letter in your email address and so it did not get delivered.

Since starting of my being appointed as Pest Control officer for the Town of Gravelbourg, I have been able to control the rats at the landfill with weekly inspections of the site along with the depositing of two different types of baits. When I first started my inspections of the landfill it was clear that the area was out of control as rats were being spotted during the day at the landfill and also in various places throughout the town.

With thorough inspection of the landfill itself, the large rat population was very apparent with the discovery of many deep tunnels where the rats colonies have lived for some time. Live rats were seen amongst the garbage and under my feet as I walked thru it. A plan was made to bombard the landfill with poison to combat the large population. Daily visits were needed as poison was being eaten as quickly as it could be deposited. Poison was deposited amongst the garbage to facilitate quick consumption by the rats. The type of poison used is very palatable and even a small amount of residue on a rats teeth is a lethal dose.

After about 2 months time the population decreased dramatically but evidence still showed that rats still occupied the site as poison was still being consumed.

Inspections were still required but were not required as frequently.

At the present time I inspect the facility about once a week and distribute poison amongst the garbage due to the large amount of household garbage that gets brought in weekly. Rats can live underground in an infested area for a very long time, due to the amount food that has been stored. Continual weekly inspections and poison distribution are important to eradicate the area of rats as the species is very hardy and without proper baiting can result in a population infestation in a short time.

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