



Erie County Department of Health Rabies, Disease & Vector Control Program

***Bird feeding MUST be done responsibly to prevent
a rat infestation and the attraction of other wildlife!***

From the Erie County Sanitary Code Article IX:

1.15 Rodent control

(c) Every owner or occupant of a dwelling or dwelling unit shall not store, place, or allow to accumulate any materials that may serve as food or harborage for rodents in a site accessible to rodents.

(d) No person shall feed in the open any domestic or wild fowl, birds or animals other than in a suitable container and in such a manner so as to prevent scattering of food upon the ground or ground level which can or will provide food for rodents, insects, vermin or other pests. If an area is deemed infested with rodents, insects, vermin or other pests by the Erie County Commissioner of Health, all bird feeding shall be ceased until the area is no longer deemed infested with rodents, insects, vermin or other pests.



Bird seed scattered at ground level is very accessible to rats!



Rat trails coming from burrows at the house foundation directly to the bird feeder...no need for rats to search for any food, they have a constant supply right here and can reproduce in a stress free environment!



Wildlife like this raccoon, deer, bears, skunks... all eat birdseed and bring with them diseases like rabies & chronic wasting disease!