



## SAINT JOHN

### **Tips for dealing with pests:**

1. Ensure garbage is stored in a sealed container.
2. Remove all food sources for pests. Food sources include bird feeders, pet food, backyard composter, fallen apples from apple trees, garbage & green cart compost.
3. Backyard compost piles can be a problem as a source of food if the food is not buried in yard waste. Make sure only fruits & vegetables are in backyard compost piles. No fats, meat, fish, bread, or grain products are to be put in backyard compost.
4. We recommend continuing to place food scraps (compost) in the supplied green cart. If rats are getting into the green cart – it will be apparent by chew holes.

### **Tips to keep pests out of your green compost cart:**

1. Add lots of yard waste to the cart (or wrap food in newspaper) to help absorb smells. If the vent holes at bottom have been chewed through - Stuff a rag soaked in bleach in the vent hole (make sure it stays affixed to the cart) or stuff steel wool in the hole.
2. For damaged carts residents can request a replacement cart at: <https://www.fundyrecycles.com/solid-waste/garbage-recycling/composting/>
3. Freeze smelly food scraps (meat, fish) until collection day.
4. Rinse your cart after collection day with detergent (or a small amount of bleach about five percent and then add water).