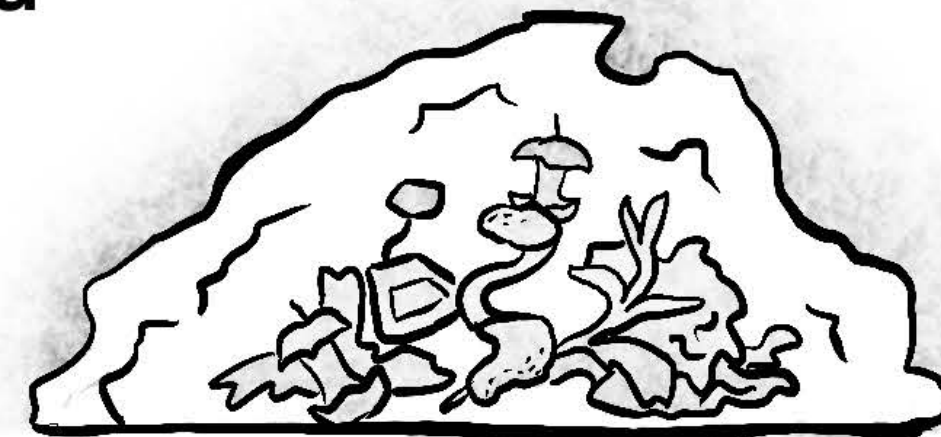


9 TIPS TO AVOID RODENTS & OTHER UNWANTED CRITTERS

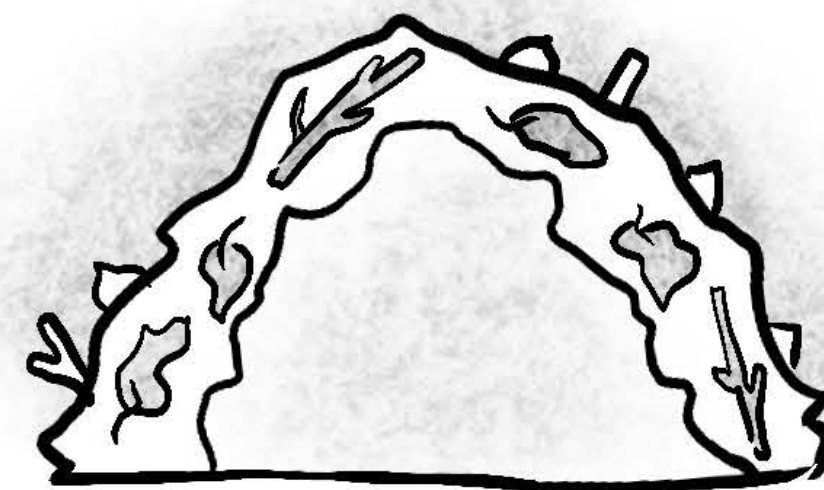
1 Do not compost meat, dairy, fats/oil, cooked food.



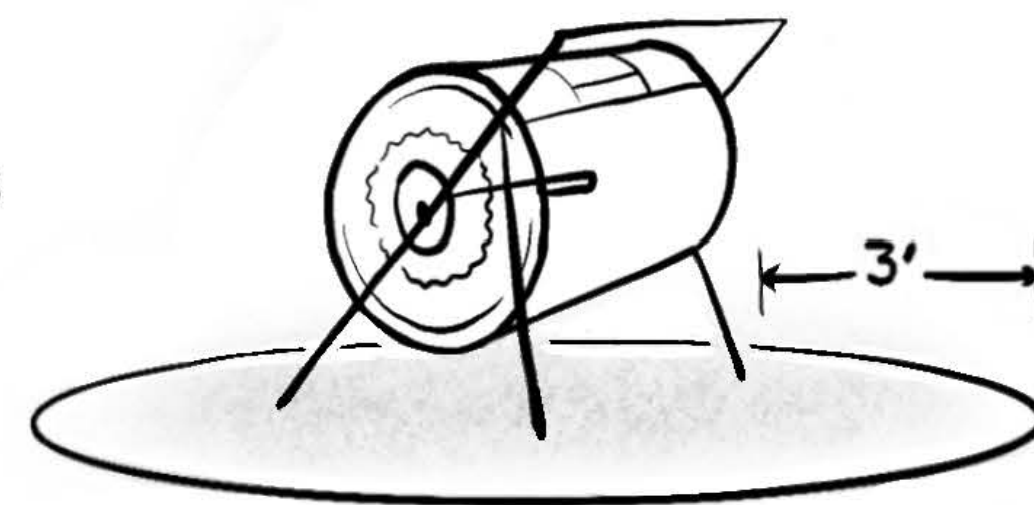
2 Incorporate all bits of food well into pile, never leave any exposed or visible.



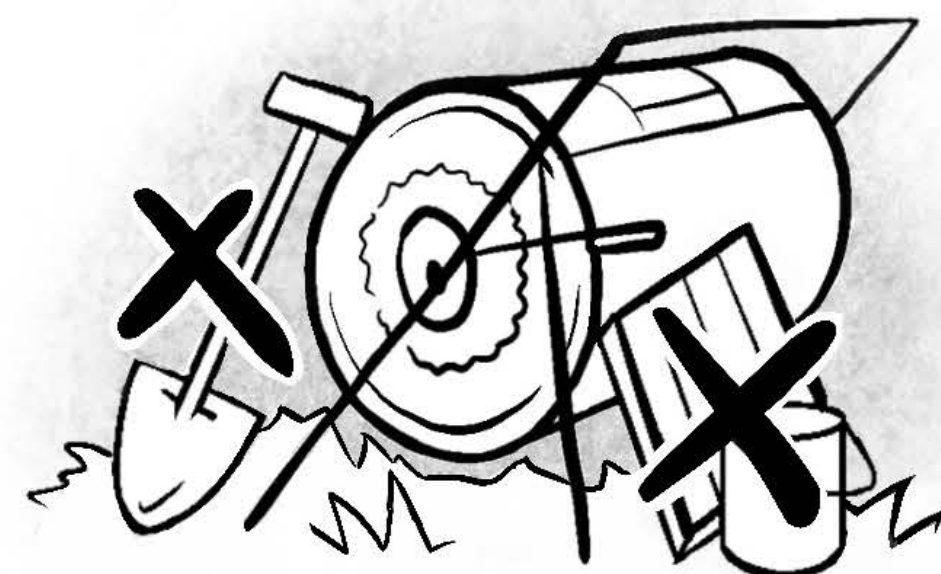
3 Cover all piles with a thick layer of browns or finished compost.



4 Maintain at least 3 feet of open space all around your system (this makes rodents nervous about predators).



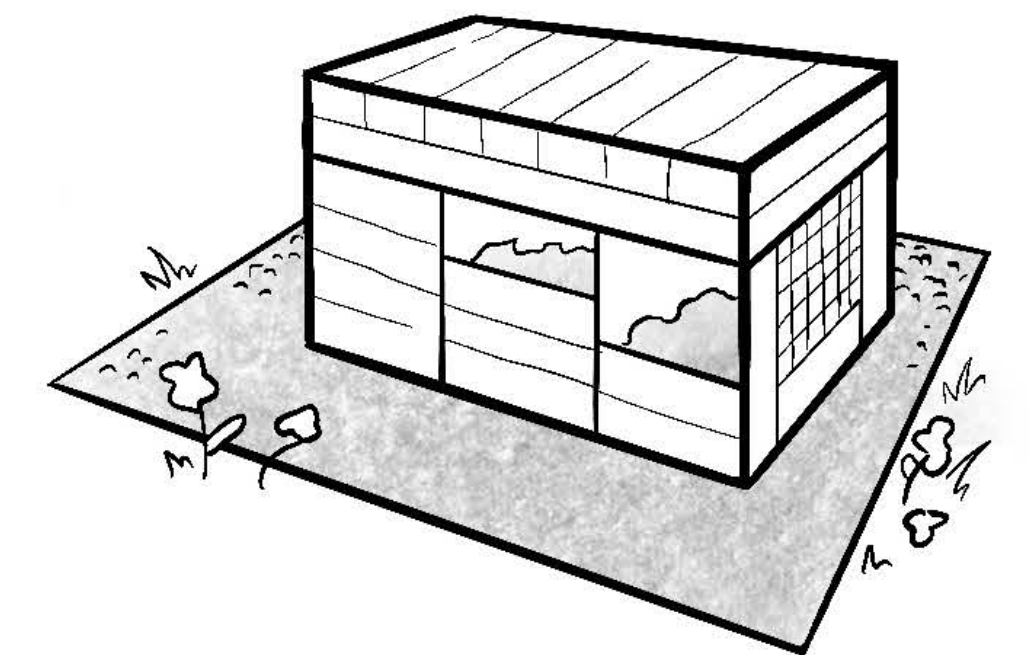
5 Avoid clutter and trim back grasses and shrubs to eliminate potential rodent hiding places.



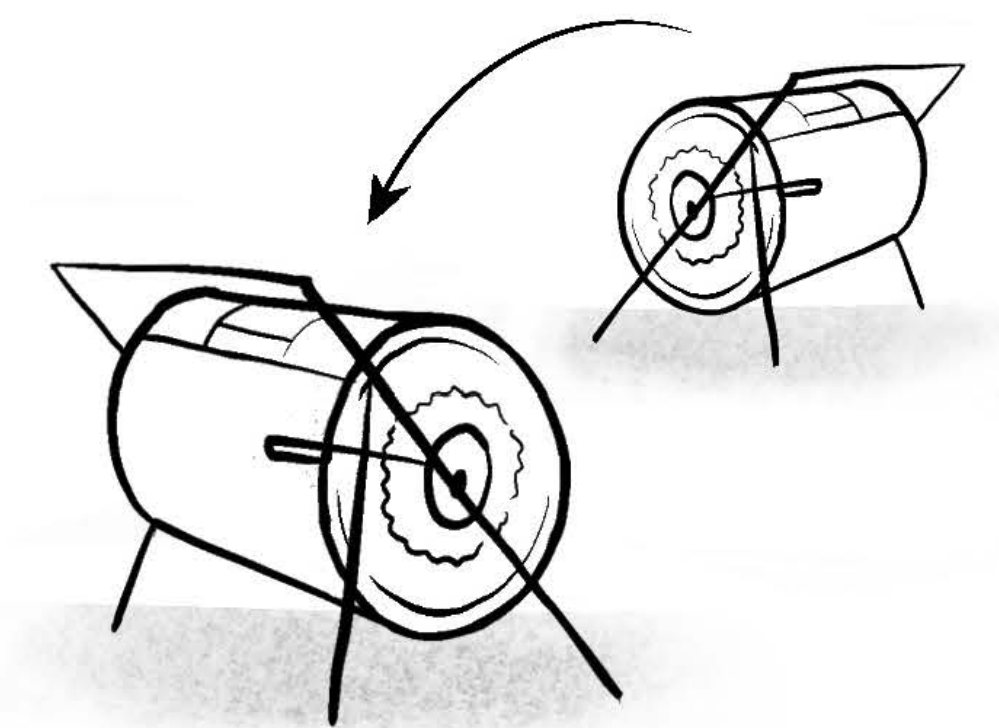
6 Turn piles thoroughly and regularly so rodents see no opportunity for a habitat.



7 Bin systems need a barrier at the base to prevent habitat formation where it's nice and warm (1/4-inch hardware cloth or something else inhospitable like cement or a 6-inch dug-out pit with sand or gravel).



8 If you have space and a moveable system, consider moving your system from time to time. Rodents like habitats that are undisturbed.



9 Activity is good!

