



## Keeping Rodents Off Your Property

As you may know, Marin County is prone to little unwelcomed visitors—rodents and pests. In one year, one pair of rats can produce about 20 offspring. As they move through a building, they leave behind 20-50 fecal droppings per day. With each of those offspring interbreeding, and if left unchecked, the number of rats and their residue will multiply geometrically with alarming results!

**Rats** can gain property entrance through any opening that is larger than 1/2 inch square and they can jump vertically as much as 36 inches or horizontally 48 inches from a flat surface. They are crafty creatures and can climb brick and other rough exterior walls, vines, shrubs, and trees, as well as travel along telephone or power lines to gain access to upper stories. They are invasive and can cause lots of damage by chewing electrical wiring, thereby able to cause fire.

**Mice** can be even more invasive producing 42-60 offspring and leaving 40-100 fecal droppings per day. They can squeeze through 1/4 inch diameter and fall 8 ft without injury. *Here are useful tips to prevent attracting rodents to your home:*



- Trash cans must have tight fitting lids
- Indoor and Outdoor areas must be kept free from debris
- Pet food must not be left out at night and stored in a strong metal container with a tight fitting lid
- Fallen fruit cannot be left on the ground
- Shrubs and trees must be trimmed back to prevent rodent access to your home

Courtesy of Western Exterminator, [www.west-ext.com](http://www.west-ext.com)

**ANNOUNCEMENT:** As you may know, California has enacted new legislation regarding Carbon Monoxide Detector installation (SB 183). We will be informing you of installation procedures via email and regular mail in the coming months—please stay tuned for more information on this important new law. Thank you!

### Test Your 'Green' Knowledge!

1. Which appliance in your home (probably) uses the most electricity?
2. How much water can a leaky toilet waste a day?
3. Which uses less water, a bath or a shower?
4. What percentage of plastic water bottles are recycled in the U.S.?
5. What is the best energy?

**Answers:** 1. Refrigerator, because it's on 24 hours a day. 2. 150 gallons of water can drain out of your toilet a day! 3. A shower uses less water than a tub. 4. Less than 50% of plastic water bottles are recycled. 5. The best energy is the one you never use.

## PRANDI Welcomes New Leasing Agent

Our newest team member *Barbara Burdick* brings over 20 years of industry experience to her **Executive Relocation & Leasing Agent** role at PRANDI. She operates as the leasing specialist out of the Sausalito office. Barbara is looking forward to her new role of matching qualified residents with their perfect home.

Her real estate career began in 1990 when she obtained her DRE license and has included residential and commercial leasing, mortgage lending, and industrial development. Barbara has renovated and sold numerous properties of her own. She has been active in the Bay Area, the Coachella Valley and the greater Sacramento area as well as other resort destinations. She enjoys networking within the industry. When asked to sum up her career influences, she sites having had "fantastic mentors."

When Barbara is not engaged in real estate activities she enjoys local community events and traveling abroad. She follows the foreign film scene and enjoys pursuing her passion of the arts and new cultural experiences.



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## Vision Statement...

*To be the most trusted name in property management services in Marin County by offering unparalleled customer service through effective communication, technology, and continued education. The PRANDI Team will continue to be the most respected leader in the industry and strengthen our presence in Central and Southern Marin.*

## YOU ASKED, WE LISTENED!

WE APPRECIATE THE FEEDBACK YOU SHARED WITH US!

Thank you for your participation! We recently ran a “Feedback Campaign,” asking you to tell us how we hold up as your management team. We heard back from quite a few of you through various online sites such as Facebook, Yelp, Yahoo! Local, Google Hotpot, and InsiderPages. We always strive to improve our customer service—and as much as we love to hear if we’re doing a great job, we also like to know where our team needs improvement.

Even though the campaign is officially over, we are here to listen if you want to give us your continued feedback. Please be sure to let us know how PRANDI is doing overall—the good things too!

**Spring has Sprung!** March 20 was the official start to this new season, and we are certainly looking forward to better weather and more sun here in Marin! Seasonal pools will be opening soon once the rain slows and the weather finally decides to stay warm! **See below for a fun spring recipe!**

**Thank you!**

—Your PRANDI Property Management Team

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN MARIN

### A Number of Upcoming Events Near You!

#### April

- 2-3 Bowl for Kid's Sake, San Rafael
- 9 Barkers by the Bay, Sausalito

#### May

- 1 Opening Day on the Bay
- 7 Marin Human Race
- 14 Tiburon Wine Festival
- 15 Concourse d' Elegance
- 21 Strawberry Swingers Dance
- 29 Larkspur Flower & Food Festival
- 29 Caledonia Street Fair, Sausalito
- 30 Marin Memorial Day Races

#### June

- 4-5 Marin Home & Garden Expo
- 11-12 Fairfax Festival & Eco Fest
- 18 Tiburon Classic Car Show
- 26 Gourmet Food & Wine Tasting

#### Other Art, Film & Music Events

- Art Walk, MV: April 5 | May 3 | June 7
- Art Walk, SR: April 8 | May 13 | June 10
- Open Art Studios: May 7-8 & 14-15
- Marin Art Festival, SR: June 18-19
- Tiburon Inter'l Film Festival: April 7-15
- San Anselmo Film Nights Begin: May 20
- Marin Film Night: June 10
- Marin Symphony: April 10, 12 | May 1, 3
- Big Band, CM: April 13 | May 11 | June 8
- Sausalito Jazz & Blues: June 4, 10, 17 & 24
- Mill Valley Mountain Play: May 22 & 29 | June 5, 11-12 & 19
- Various Museums *Free Day*: April 5-6 | May 3-4 | June 1 & 7

*\*Don't forget to check your calendars for upcoming local Summertime events that will be announced in late June/July!*

### Springtime Fruit NOW in Season! Make a Delicious and HEALTHY Smoothie as a Dessert or as a Snack!

What you'll need: **Blend fruit together using strawberries, mangoes, blueberries, pineapple, grapes, orange juice or ice cubes as your liquid. Throw in ice-cream, yogurt or a banana as a thickening agent! Drink and Enjoy!**

~Substitute other fresh fruit as per your taste!~

