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Chicago's rats are out of control

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We're going about rat-control completely wrong. Many of the lids on the black garbage bins are chewed through or loose-fitting. Many of the metal dumpsters are even worse. It's a free rat buffet every day, no matter how diligent you and your neighbors are.

A waste-hauler recently told me to never throw garbage into a bin after dark — he's had more than one rat leap out at him during an early morning pickup. The old galvanized steel cans had tight-fitting lids and used to work great. Isn't there some up-to-date technology to solve the problem?