

Rodent Traps

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The 3 basic kinds of rodent traps most commonly used in rodent control are:

1) Snap Traps

Snap Traps are wooden or plastic traps with a metal snap hinge designed to kill mice and rats instantly on contact.

- [Victor Mouse Trap - Professional](#)-Victor snap traps with a quickset and sensitivity setting to prevent the trap from snapping due to vibrations in the environment
- [Victor Mouse Trap](#)- Traditional Mouse Snap trap with the Metal Pedal.
- [Trapper T-Rex Rat Trap](#)- Trapper T-REX offers superior rat capture.
- [Victor Rat Trap](#)- Sturdy, strong, and kill rats instantly.

2) Multiple-Catch Mouse Traps

Multiple-catch traps, made specifically for mice, can capture between 15 and 30 live mice. Live mice are trapped humanely and later released outdoors. No bait is required. Mice enter multiple-catch traps because they like investigating new "holes" in their territory, and are attracted to other mice in the trap.

- [Ketch-All Humane Live Multi Catch Mouse Trap with Clear Lid](#) Catches several mice at a time with the same trap. Simply wind it up and place in areas where rodents travel.
- [Tin Cat Repeating Mouse Trap](#)- Repeating mouse trap catches 30 mice at a time.

3) Glue Board Rodent Traps

A [glue board trap](#) is a flat piece of cardboard covered in a specially designed sticky glue that can be placed flush against floors and walls where rodents travel. When mice or rats travel over the glue board, they become "stuck" and will eventually die.

- [Catchmaster Mouse/Insect Glue Boards](#)- Excellent non-poisonous mouse and insect glue boards with a peanut butter fragrance.
- [Trapper Mouse Glue Board Traps](#)- Captures mice without poison.
- [Trapper Rat Glue Board Traps](#)- Captures rats without poison.

What are some of the advantages of trapping over the use of baits?

- Trapping is an effective alternative where the use of poison baits may be hazardous to children, pets, and wildlife.
- Trapping provides quick results for small infestations.
- Trapping allows immediate disposal of dead rodents, whereas baiting may result in odor problems from rodents that wander off and die in out-of-the-way places.

What are the disadvantages of trapping?

- In cases of severe infestation, baiting is the most appropriate control method, as trapping large numbers would be laborious and time-consuming.
- Some rodents may avoid traps or develop a fear of traps.
- If encountered inadvertently or used incorrectly, traps may cause injury to people, pets, and wildlife.
- Some traps use inhumane methods of killing rodents.

Additional Tips for Trapping Rodents:

- Before setting rodent traps, try to remove as many alternate food sources as possible. This will increase the likelihood of rodents responding to the bait on traps.
- Traps should be kept clean and in working condition. Do not use wobbly traps, since the wobbling will cause the rodent to be frightened.

- Always wear protective gloves when handling or disposing of dead rodents to prevent disease.
- Do not touch pets before handling or setting traps. Pet odors may cause rodent aversion since cats and dogs are natural predators.
- If glue traps must be stored in a vehicle for any period of time during warm weather, they should be padded with gel ice packs inside a Styrofoam cooler.

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