

Facts About: How to Poison Rats on Your Property



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Follow these steps to poison rats on your property

Remove all food sources. This will increase the likelihood that the rats will eat the poison/bait. Follow the simple procedure outlined below:

1. Inspect your property to determine the extent of the rat infestation (see information sheet entitled Rat Problem Checklist).
2. Buy rat poison from a hardware/drug/other store and follow the instructions on the label.
3. Locate the rat holes and place the poison deep into the holes.
4. Maintain a constant supply of poison in the rat holes to allow the rats sufficient poison to eat.
5. After 10 days, fill in the rat holes with dirt. Check the holes the next day to see if rats, which may still be alive, have reopened the holes.
6. If the rat holes have been reopened, repeat steps 2 through 5.



WARNING: KEEP CHILDREN AND PETS AWAY FROM THE RAT POISON.
NOTIFY NEIGHBORS WITH CHILDREN AND PETS THAT YOU ARE PLACING RAT POISON.

IN CASE OF ACCIDENTAL INGESTION OF POISON BY HUMANS OR PETS CALL:
POISON CONTROL AT
1-800-222-1222 OR 1-202-625-3333
OR CALL YOUR PHYSICIAN, HOSPITAL OR VETERINARIAN NEAREST YOU IMMEDIATELY!

Free Literature

The following literature is available free of charge from the Health Department.

Facts about Controlling Rats and Mice EH/EEP-501
Trapping Rats and Mice EH/EEP-502
Rat Problem Checklist EH/EEP-503
Controlling House Mice EE/EEP-504

To register a complaint regarding rats, call:

- For Residential Property (other than your own) Community Services Division at (301) 883-6100 or your local Municipal Code Enforcement Section-check the White Pages.
- For Commercial/Apartments/Industrial/Vacant Lots Zoning Enforcement—(301) 883-6080.
- Food Service or Licensed Health Care Facilities Health Department—(301) 883-7690.

For more information or technical advice

Call the Environmental Engineering Program at (301) 883-7681, weekdays between 7:30 a.m to 4:00 p.m.