

# MICE

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## MOUSE PROOF!

- Rinse all empty bottles and jars, and store them **upside down**.
- Dry goods, candles, and soap should be kept in glass or metal containers with tight lids.
- Root vegetables should be kept in a rodent-proof cupboard or refrigerator.
- Trapping alone is not an effective method of rodent control. Unless access points are closed up, more animals will continue to move in.
- Poisons result in a lingering, inhumane death with much suffering and will have the same effects on other animals - including pets.
- Glue boards should **never** be used as they cause immense suffering from suffocation, dehydration, injury, or stress.

## DID YOU KNOW?

**Mice form the largest group of seed distributors in the forest. They plant seeds in forgotten caches and spread minute herb pits and mushroom spores in their droppings.**

Mouse droppings fertilize the soil, while their tunnels help air, water, and roots spread through the ground.



## HELP!

### Is there a mouse in the house?

Mice have adapted very successfully to living in close proximity to humans and are regular visitors to cottages and camps. Because they can squeeze through the smallest of entry points, extra effort must be taken to keep them out.

## TRY THIS!

Quick-dry cement is best for sealing external holes in buildings. Six-mm metal screening should be placed over vents, under open porches, and in sheds. Steel wool can be used around pipes in the kitchen, bathroom, and basement. Nail sheet metal over any cracks. Also, all openings for water pipes, electric wires, telephone cables, sewer pipes, drain spouts, and vents must be well sealed.

Doors and windows must be tight fitting. Plastic sheeting or screening, caulking, and wood are unsuitable, as mice will chew through them.

For a humane method of mouse removal, make or purchase a live trap.