

OH RATS!

KEEP RODENTS OUT OF YOUR HOME



The most effective way to control rats and mice is prevention. Remove food, water, and shelter, and block entry points to stop them before they enter your home. Blocking access into your home keeps them out.



SEAL POINTS OF ENTRY

Mice can fit through openings as small as $\frac{1}{4}$ inch. Seal holes and gaps around doors, windows, pipes, and foundations.



REMOVE FOOD AND WATER

Keep food in sealed containers, don't leave pet food out overnight, wash dishes promptly, empty garbage regularly, pick up fallen fruit from trees, and fix water leaks.



REMOVE SHELTER

Clear debris, trim dense vegetation, and keep plants at least three feet from your home. Store wood and lumber above ground.



USE TRAPS INDOORS IF NEEDED

Avoid glue boards and rodent poisons, which can kill pets and wildlife. Visit ourwaterourworld.org for tips for successful trapping.



Protect Pets and Wildlife!

Owls, hawks, and other wildlife help control rodent populations naturally. Poisons can harm these animals when they eat poisoned rodents. Pets can also die when they feed on the bait. In 2024, California passed the Poison-Free Wildlife Act to expand restrictions on rodenticides to help protect wildlife, pets, and children.



For more detailed tips on rodent control, resources for less toxic pest control, and where to hire a professional expert, visit OurWaterOurWorld.org.



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