

Rats

The most common species of rats in the United States are the Norway Rat and Roof Rat. Rats can be a nuisance in many people's homes due to their habits of living in the house and gnawing. Here are some tips for rat control. Inspection is very important, since it allows you to find the location of the rats, so you can set traps and bait. Exclusion is used to stop rats from entering your house. Small openings in walls should be sealed so that rats cannot enter the house. Trapping or baiting are often used to stop rat populations. Trapping does have advantages over baiting. It provides an alternative for those who do not want to use rodenticides. If the rat population is small enough, trapping can yield quick results when done properly. Finally, trapping ensures that you can dispose of the dead rats before their odor becomes a problem in an inaccessible area. Rodenticides are poison baits and should be used in areas where domestic animals and children cannot access them. For protection against accidental poisoning, use tamper-resistant bait stations that hold the bait in place and keep children and pets out. It is a national law and guideline to use tamper-resistant bait stations in areas where children or pets can access them.