

Create An Environment That Does Not Attract Rodents

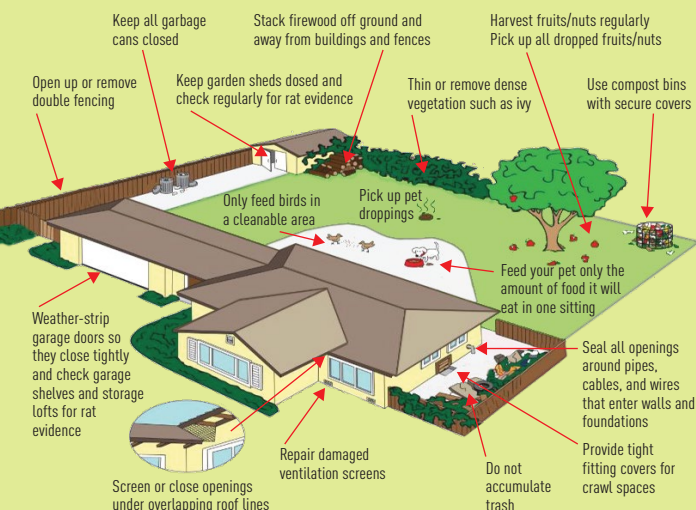


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Repel.Exclude.Deter.

Repel.

Plant mint varieties and use products that include balsam fir, peppermint, clove, cinnamon, and garlic barrier concentrate. Use helpful and safe products.

Exclude.

Seal buildings, do not overflow trashcans or trash bins (close or lock lids), clean up BBQ and grease capture trays, seal entry points to your home, building, and garage areas. Eliminate or clean up spilled food from bird feeders and place trays under the feeders. Bring feeders inside over night. Use rodent-sealed composting bins.

Deter.

Remove pet feces, pick up fallen fruit, remove vegetation and debris, use strobe lights or motion-detecting water sprays. Keep the hood of your car up and shine an LED light in the engine compartment.

About Cities Against Rat Poisons



Founders

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Our Vision

To protect people, pets, wildlife, and the environment through education on safe alternatives to rodent poisons.

Our Mission

To provide leaders with the tools they need to inspire members of their communities to use alternatives to rodent poisons.

Our Motto

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Purpose

We exist to provide education that empowers others to make sustainable change in their communities regarding rodent poisons.

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There Are NO SAFE POISONS

Current most commonly used rat poisons:

- ▶ Bromethalin
- ▶ Zinc Phosphide
- ▶ Cholecalciferol (Vitamin D3)
- ▶ Strychnine

There Are NO Antidotes For These Poisons!



These are the most common bait boxes for rodents: the box, and the vertical bait station. Poisoned rodents die outside the bait stations and become easy prey for wildlife and domestic pets.

NEVER USE GLUE TRAPS!

Although they do not contain poisons, never use glue traps. These traps cause animals such as rats, mice, birds, squirrels, and snakes long and unnecessary suffering. They will rip off their own skin trying to escape and even chew off their limbs in a desperate attempt. Trapped animals suffer for days as they slowly starve.

Alternatives To Poisons

- ▶ Repel.Exclude.Deter.
- ▶ Raptor Perches
- ▶ Owl Boxes
- ▶ Indoor traps



We've got plenty of ideas and lessons learned!
Please visit our web site at CitiesAgainstRatPoisons.com

All Things Are Connected



Illustration by Dr. Laurel Serieys, UCLA

Rodent Poisons Are Passed Up The Food Chain

All things are connected: Every day, people, pets, and wildlife are in danger of being poisoned by rodent poisons. There are no safe poisons. Rodents do not die inside bait boxes that contain poison. The rodents leave the bait boxes and become easy prey for predators. Rodent bait is a food source that attracts rodents. Other wild animals such as birds, raccoons, opossums, tree squirrels, and skunks can access bait stations. For this reason, we recommend practices for **repelling, excluding, and deterring** rodents instead of using traps outside of your home.

Natural Predators Are Lost With The Use Of Poisons

Owls and Hawks: As of 2010, 92% in San Diego County and 79% in the Central Valley contained rodenticides. (CDFW)

Bobcats: 92% exposed to rodenticides in southern California. (NPS/UCLA)

Coyotes: 83% in Santa Monica Mountains, 2nd leading cause of death. (NPS/UCLA)

Mountain Lions: 2005-2011: 104 tested California-wide, 82 contained rodenticides, with 78% containing more than one kind. 2016-18: 252 tested in 37 California counties. 96% exposed. (CDFW)
Raccoons, foxes, skunks, bears, badgers, eagles, are also exposed.

SOURCES: NPS (National Park Service), UCLA (University of California, Los Angeles), CDFW (California Dept. of Fish & Wildlife)

Unintended Victims

Thousands of children, pets, and mostly wildlife are poisoned every year by rat poisons.



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Here are the two kittens orphaned when their mother P-67 died from six different rodenticides including bromethalin.

According to the National Park Service, **bromethalin** was detected in 10 out of 16 mountain lions tested in the Santa Monica Mountains between 7/2020 and 8/2022. Like bromethalin, **cholecalciferol** is increasing in use. It also has **no antidote** and veterinarians are reporting increasing cases of pet poisonings with unfortunate outcomes.

Hotline Numbers

California Wildlife Center <i>(hospital for injured or orphaned wildlife)</i>	(310) 458-9453
Cougar Conservancy <i>(conflict hotline)</i>	(800) 930-1087
LA County Animal Care & Control <i>(injured or deceased wildlife)</i>	(818) 991-0071
National Park Service <i>(local wildlife research)</i>	(805) 370-2301
National Poison Control <i>(people)</i>	(800) 222-1222
Pet Poison Hotline 24/7	(855) 764-7661
Ventura County Animal Services <i>(injured or deceased wildlife)</i>	(805) 388-4341
Wildlife Care of SoCal <i>(rehabilitation)</i>	(805) 581-3911
AnimalHelpNow - download the app <i>(wildlife emergencies & wildlife conflicts)</i>	ahnow.org