

# How to Perform Your Own Mouse Service, Done Right

## 1 Inspection

A Treatment is only as good as the inspection

First inspect your home or business from top to bottom. Make note of any rodent evidence you find.

Some common areas to check for rodent activity are:

- Furnace room
- Laundry room
- Kitchen
- Attic



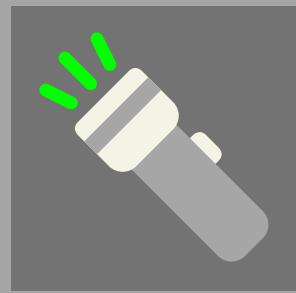
## 2 Exclusion

The success of mouse eradication depends on closing all rodent entry points properly

First inspect the foundation of your home or business. Make note of any openings that are larger than 1/4th of an inch in diameter.

Be sure to check these common areas for rodent entry points:

- Air conditioning line
- Laundry vent
- Cracks underneath decks or porches
- Next to patios
- Near any additions to the home or business



## Tip: What do I use?

It matters how you seal openings just as much as sealing openings

There are different types of adhesives you can use to close openings.

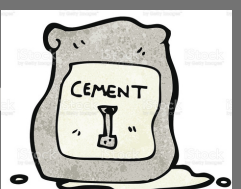
Here are some common types:

- Copper mesh
- Steel wool
- Foam
- Putty or caulk
- Cement

Copper mesh and steel wool are similar, though copper and steel have different properties.

Foam can have risks to application, but we would recommend the brand Great STUFF, which has a bitter component to it so it deters mice from chewing through it. Caulk is a stronger adhesive yet.

It is best to have a licensed contractor apply cement if necessary.



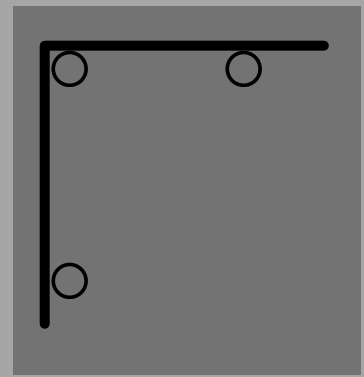
For more exclusion tips, read our full blog titled, ["How to Know Where to Look for Mouse Entry Points"](#)

# 3 Bait Placement

Accurate device placement determines the rate of your catch

First determine the type of device you want to use and then, based on the activity you found in step 1, determine where the device should be placed.

- Snap traps and sticky traps can be placed flush against walls in the furnace room or in between tight spaces in the laundry room.
- Snap traps can be placed underneath the kitchen sink.
- Snap traps, over-the-counter bait or poison, and sticky traps can be placed along the sill plate in the furnace room.



## Tip: What do I use?

The method used to catch mice is important

There are different types of traps and rodent devices you can use to catch and kill mice.

Here are some common types:

- Snap traps
- Sticky traps
- Humane traps
- Over-the-counter bait or poison
- And other tools (like noise devices and peppermint oil)

We do not recommend noise devices as they do not eradicate pest problems or potential pest problems, they simply mask them, but they may keep mice out of homes because mice don't like the sounds these devices emit.

We do not recommend peppermint oil as it is a repellent only, but when coupled with rodent proofing your home, it can be effective. We are in the business to eradicate pests, not simply repel them.



For more information on trapping techniques, read our full blog titled, "[How to Trap Mice](#)"

# 4 Wait

Successful mouse eradication takes time, patience, and practice

Once you set the traps or devices, wait a couple of days. Check them every morning to see if you made a catch, but if you didn't: don't worry. Mouse eradication is often a process that takes time. It's never completely solved overnight.


If you do catch mice in traps, dispose of the carcass and reset the traps right away.

If you're setting traps and still catching mice after weeks, recheck the foundation: you may have missed something.



# 5 Repeat Steps 3 & 4

Patience is a virtue, mouse eradication is an art

If at any time you're wanting to bring in the professionals, give us a call. We offer exclusion only service, a full mouse service that comes with a 3 month warranty, or year-round custom plans for your home or business. 



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