



# RODENT TREATMENT CLIENT PREPARATION GUIDELINE



## How To Prepare For Your Rodent Treatment

### CHECKLIST - Interior

- Access is essential. Rodents travel along walls, floors, and hidden pathways. To ensure the technician can effectively place monitoring devices, traps, and treatments, please provide clear access to all areas where rodents may travel.
  - Clear all items from the floor along the baseboards and walls, including in closets, pantries, and storage rooms.
  - In the kitchen and bathroom, clear out undersink cabinets completely, as rodents frequently use plumbing and electrical as highways.
- Clutter reduction is critical. Rodents seek shelter in undisturbed areas. Reducing clutter eliminates hiding places and forces rodents to investigate devices or enter traps.
  - Remove piles of cardboard, paper, newspaper, and bags from floors and storage areas.
  - Reduce stored items in basements, crawlspaces, and attics to allow the technician to properly inspect and treat the space.
  - If you have a garage, clear items away from the walls and leave a clear pathway around the perimeter.
- Food sources must be eliminated. Rodents are drawn to food and water. Removing these sources increases the effectiveness of trapping and treatment.
  - All food items must be stored in pest-proof containers (glass, metal, or heavy plastic).
  - Do not leave pet food or water bowls out overnight. Feed pets at scheduled times and remove bowls afterward.
  - Ensure garbage and organics bins are covered with tight-fitting lids and are emptied regularly.
  - Clean up crumbs and food debris



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## CHECKLIST - Exterior

- Rodents often enter from the exterior.
  - Trim all shrubs, bushes, and tree branches away from the building exterior.
  - Remove leaf litter, wood piles, and debris from the foundation of the building.
  - If you have a balcony, clear all storage items to allow the technician to inspect for droppings and entry points.

## After Your Treatment

Rodent control is a process, not a single event. It may take several days to weeks to fully resolve the issue, depending on the severity of the infestation. Do not be alarmed if you hear activity or see droppings shortly after treatment, this is normal as rodents take time to adjust to new traps and devices within their environment.

- Do not disturb traps, bait stations, or monitoring devices. Moving or tampering with these items reduces the effectiveness of the service. If a trap has been triggered, leave it in place for the technician to service during the follow-up visit.
- Do not use other pesticides or rodent baits. Using store bought rodenticides or glue traps can interfere with your technicians strategy and may cause rodents to avoid the areas where your technician has placed devices.
- Report activity. Note any areas where you continue to see fresh droppings, hear noises, or notice new entry points. This information is valuable for your technician to adjust the strategy during follow-up visits.
- Clean up carefully. If you wish to clean areas where droppings are present, follow these safety steps:
  - Wear disposable gloves and a mask.
  - Do not vacuum or sweep droppings dry, as this can aerosolize harmful particles.
  - Spray droppings with a disinfectant and let sit for 5 minutes.
  - Wipe up with paper towels and dispose of them in a sealed plastic bag.
  - Wash your hands thoroughly afterward.
- Follow-up appointments are often required. Rodent control typically requires multiple visits to achieve full elimination. Please keep scheduled follow-up appointments to allow your technician to monitor trap activity, replenish bait, and seal any remaining entry points.



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## What You Can Expect From Your Treatment

Your technician will use an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) approach, focusing on three key areas: inspection and exclusion (sealing entry points), sanitation (removing food and harborage), and trapping or baiting (population reduction). Methods may include mechanical traps, glue boards, bait stations, and sealing materials. The strategy will be tailored to your specific situation, whether you are in a single-family home, apartment, or multi-unit building. Exclusion work (sealing holes and gaps) is often a critical component of the service and may be completed over multiple visits.

## Safety

Rodent treatments typically focus on trapping and exclusion. If baiting or pesticide application is required, your technician will advise you of any safety precautions.

- Bait stations are tamper-resistant and locked. They may be placed in areas inaccessible to children and pets. Do not attempt to open them.
- Glue boards and snap traps may be placed in areas where children and pets cannot access them (e.g., behind appliances, inside cabinets, or along walls).

Pesticides that may be used during your treatment: Ditrac Blox – PCP 22134, Flatline Soft Bait – PCP 34219, Contrac Blox – PCP 22239, Contrac Soft Bait – PCP 33164, Resolv Soft Bait – PCP 31322, First Strike Soft Bait – PCP 29503, Fastrac Soft Bait – PCP 35087

In an emergency, contact poison control at 604.682.5050 or 1.800.567.8911

## Additional Questions

Should you have any additional questions we recommend consulting our website for further information [www.vancouverpestcontrol.com](http://www.vancouverpestcontrol.com), by contacting our office at 604.374.6525 or [info@vancouverpestcontrol.com](mailto:info@vancouverpestcontrol.com)

If you are a tenant in a building managed by a property manager who has scheduled this service for you, please direct your questions to your property management company.