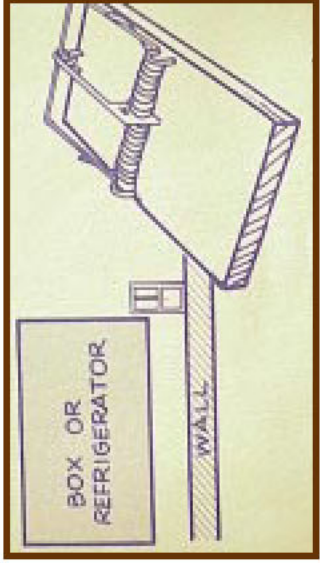


# How can I get rid of rodents?

## Traps (wooden-base snap traps)



Experience has proven that the spring snap traps are the best and cheapest. Use plenty of the traps so the rodents may be trapped before they begin recognizing and avoiding them. Place them in areas traveled by rodents (along baseboards, corners, etc..)

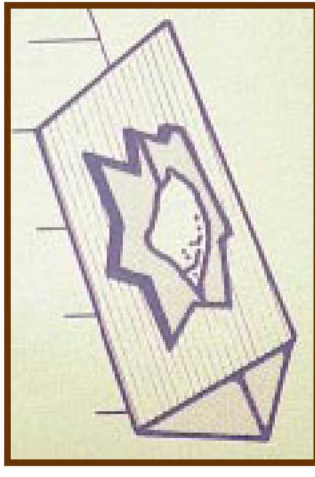
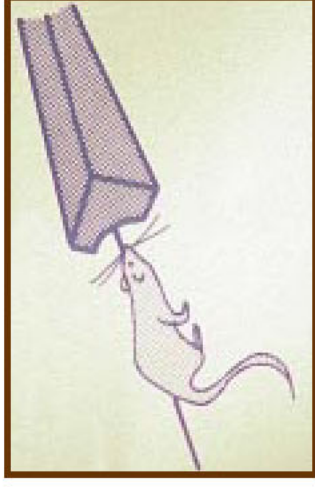
If baits are used on the regular trigger, use peanut butter with uncooked oatmeal or tie small pieces of bacon, cotton, raisins or gumdrops to the trigger—or whatever food they have been after.

## Poisons

Use poisons inside the house only if rodents are very numerous. Rats like to eat in secure places. So, when baiting outside, remember the wood piles, straw piles, trash cans/piles, fence rows, etc. Follow the directions on the label exactly!

Rat poisons can work well, but the rats may die in places you can't reach them.

Bait stations protect the poison bait from weather and help keep out pets.



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## Commercial Services

Hiring a professional exterminator is another way to get rid of rodents. Choose a reputable company and make sure you understand about costs and methods.