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How to Get Rid of Mice Guide

It's no secret that an infestation of mice in your home can make life difficult. The sooner you address getting rid of mice, the better it is for you and your family.

Whether you choose to handle the mice infestation yourself or hire a technician, it is crucial to be well-informed. Proper knowledge of effective trapping techniques, understanding mice behavior, and employing appropriate preventive measures can help in managing the infestation more efficiently. If traps and poison baits are not used effectively and in a timely manner, a mice infestation can quickly escalate, and the **mice may become cautious or "shy" of the traps and baits**. This can make it more challenging to control the infestation, and additional efforts may be required by specialists or professionals to eliminate the rodents effectively.

If you come across mice in your home and live in the Edmonton area, don't worry. A large number of exterminators are available. Hiring experienced professionals or pest control services ensures that the infestation is addressed effectively and minimizes the risk of recurring issues. However, before calling one of them, you might try getting rid of mice yourself by using one of the following methods to chase away or eliminate the pesky mice yourself:

Eliminate Sources of Food



Mice can stay alive by eating very little food every day, so if you keep food in the open and uncovered, there's a chance that the mice will eat it, making getting rid of mice much harder. You need to keep food out of the reach of mice and store it in glass or metal containers that mice can't chew through. The mice will die in a few days if they lack access to food. All these recommendations apply to pet food as well, so don't leave pet food out, either. And don't forget to clean up spills as soon as possible and maintain good sanitation practices.

Eliminate Nesting Materials



Try to store all blankets, rugs, bed sheets, fabrics, and other soft nesting materials away from mice in a robust plastic container. If you use weak containers made of light plastic or cardboard, mice might chew through them and gain access to material that can be used to build a nest. Additionally, keep the exterior of your home free from tree branches, foliage, and other yard debris. A tidy home free of waste and garbage will generally experience fewer mice infestations.

Try Mouse Repellent



You may already have some natural repellents in your home you can use to create an unpleasant environment for mice. Cloves, pepper, peppermint oil, cayenne, etc., can be used for getting rid of mice. Use cotton balls soaked in any of these repellents and place them where mice activity is occurring.

Block Entry Points and Use Live Traps



Make your home rodent-proof or try to seal or block all points through which mice can enter your home. This can prevent the mice problem altogether or help you avoid making a mice infestation worse if one has already begun. In reality, it can be very difficult to seal all entry and access points since mice can squeeze through tiny gaps and holes the diameter of your finger.

You can use live traps if you want to catch mice without killing them. Live traps usually look like boxes in which mice can enter but cannot leave. Once mice are trapped inside, you simply take the box and release them far away from your home so they can't find their way back.

Hiring Pest Control for Getting Rid of Mice



Getting rid of mice can be a daunting task, and not everyone has the time, tools, or desire to tackle it themselves, which is when the option of hiring a pest control company or a professional exterminator comes into play. **Savvy Pest Control Ltd. is among the top exterminators in Edmonton and is licensed for exterior mice control.** Based on your needs, our pest control professionals will use a combination of rodenticides, baits, traps, etc., where they're most needed. After examining your home and assessing the extent of the infestation, our pest control technicians will come up with a plan. Here's what they'll do in most cases:

Block Entry Points

A pest control professional will check for entry points for mice, as they can enter almost anywhere because of their small size and highly flexible bodies. The exterminator will examine both the interior and exterior of your home and identify all dents, cracks, and potential vulnerable spots. The pest control team may use materials such as sheet metal, wire mesh, and steel wool to block small entry points. If necessary, they'll also examine and seal vents and utility pipes.

Set Up Traps

Getting rid of mice by setting up mice traps in your home is another thing an exterminator may do, especially where the mice are most active. A variety of traps may be installed in the kitchen, bathroom, basement, storage rooms, attic, and other areas. Different traps catch different mice species. If the population of mice in your home or business is small, the exterminator may use snap traps and glue boards. These traps don't use harmful or toxic chemicals.

Set Up Bait Stations

Just like traps, bait stations can also be used to kill the mice. The mice die from eating poisoned bait located inside the stations. A common misconception among people is that getting rid of mice using bait will attract more mice than before and make things worse, but this doesn't happen when bait stations are properly used. Regulated high-quality baits are effective at killing a lot of mice in a short period. Many pest control companies prefer using baits over traps to handle mice problems.

Mice Fumigation

If getting rid of mice on your own haven't been successful and the infestation is severe with potentially dangerous species involved, then the exterminator may perform a fumigation. Fumigation is a process in which a toxic gas is released under controlled conditions into a building. It's a delicate treatment that only certified pest control professionals can perform. You can't be inside the premises during the fumigation, and you can only come back after several hours have passed.