

Baiting FAQs

Q: How much rodent bait do I need?

A: Each package is carefully labeled in accordance with strict guidelines set by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Consult the package for specific usage information.

Q: What's the best way to bait?

A: Always secure bait in a bait station. TOMCAT sells its baits pre-loaded in, or packaged with tamper-resistant bait stations. You should begin baiting as soon as you detect a problem. Put bait stations in areas where you notice or suspect rodent activity; where rodents will find it. Mice tend to travel only 10 to 30 feet from their nest, while a rat's home range is 100 to 150 feet. Be sure to keep bait fresh and dry, and dispose of any old or contaminated bait. As with any rodent control product, always follow the DIRECTIONS FOR USE on the package. The safest way to use any rodent control product is to place it in areas inaccessible to children and pets.

Q: Are rodent baits regulated in any way?

A: Yes. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) closely controls the registration and sale of these products. All products registered must meet specific guidelines for effectiveness, fitness for use and safety. Even the wording on the exterior of every package is closely controlled. State agencies work in concert with the EPA to monitor products for compliance.

Q: What active ingredients are used in TOMCAT bait products?

A: TOMCAT Mouse Killer I, II, III, X: Bromethalin
TOMCAT Rat Killer, II: Bromethalin

Q: How can I keep rodent baits away from my pets?

A: TOMCAT has bait stations that are Kid & Dog Resistant. They have been proven resistant to tampering by children and dogs. However, as with all poisons, care should be taken to keep them away from children, pets, and wildlife.

Q: If my pet eats the rodent bait, could it die?

A: The risk to your pet depends on what type of pet it is, how big it is, what type of bait it has consumed, as well as how much bait was consumed. If a situation occurs, immediately call the poison control number located on the package (1-877-854-2494) and a specially trained individual will assist in your next steps.

Q: If my pet eats a dead poisoned rodent, will it die?

A: The potential of any secondary poisoning depends on most of the same factors indicated

above. Call the poison control number on your product package (1-877-854-2494) if you are concerned about a possible exposure. Occurrences of this type of poisoning are extremely rare.

Q: Who should I call in case of an emergency?

A: If an emergency situation occurs, immediately call the poison control number located on the package (1-877-854-2494) and a specially trained individual will assist in your next steps. This telephone number is also listed on the packaging of TOMCAT baits.

Q: How much do rats and mice eat per day?

A: Rats eat approximately 1 oz. of food and mice eat 1/10 oz.

Q: How far do rats and mice venture from their nest?

A: Norway rats generally travel up to 100 feet from their nest to their food source. Roof rats have a wide range, up to 300 feet. The house mouse stays close to its nest, usually traveling only 30 feet or so to its food source.

Q: How small of an opening can rats and mice fit through?

A: Rats can squeeze through a hole about the size of a nickel while mice can fit through a hole smaller than a dime.

Q: Are there poisons (baits) available where rodents won't smell when they die?

A: NO. Regardless of the bait used, a natural decomposition process always takes place with a distinctive odor.

Q: Are there poisons (baits) available that will make rodents go outside looking for water?

A: Eating bait will not change a rodent's "normal" water requirements. It is a myth that rodents will seek water outdoors after eating a bait and then die outdoors. There is adequate water in your home to meet all rodent needs. If water wasn't available, rodents wouldn't live there.