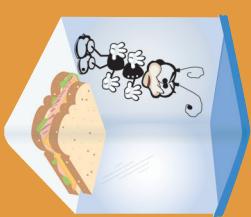


If you know what to do,
you can avoid most
pest problems
in your home.

Follow these steps:

Identify and monitor
the pest.



Exclude pests by sealing
entry points.



Control pests by
trying non-chemical
methods first, then
using Pesticides if
necessary.

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Small mammals



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If small mammals are a problem in your home...

Sanitize:

- Keep stored items off the floor and away from walls.
- Remove trash, firewood, stones, bricks and any other debris near your home.

Identify:

- Properly identify the pest. If you don't see the animal, you may be able to identify it by the droppings and tracks it leaves behind. Here are some common small mammals that might cause problems in or near your home.

• Make sure outdoor trash cans have tight-fitting lids.



- Repair plumbing leaks.
- Prune bushes and tree branches away from the house.



- Feed pets in the morning and clean up left-over food when they are finished. Empty pet dishes at night.



- Clean up spilled seed in bird feeding areas.



Exclude:

- Do not leave outside doors open.
- Place wire mesh screening over vents in eaves and in the attic, and around the foundation, to keep wild animals from moving into the attic or under your home.
- Use sheet metal, hardware cloth or steel wool to seal any holes animals have gnawed to enter your home. Make sure the animals have left before sealing the holes.

Control:



- Before you buy or use any pesticide, read the label carefully. Be sure the product is labeled for the site and the pest you will treat.

- Rodents can be controlled with baits, traps or glue boards. Rodent bait should be placed in bait stations so other animals can't reach it. Place bait stations along the paths the animals travel. Remove baits once the animals are gone. Baits are made with grains and can attract insects if left for long periods of time.



- Place rodent traps perpendicular to the wall so the rodent will trigger the trap when passing over it.

- Other small mammals can be captured in live traps, but you may need a permit to relocate an animal once it's caught. Live traps should be baited with a food that will attract the animal you're trying to capture.



- Place bird feeders on tall metal poles away from trees.

- Store food, pet food and bird seed in glass, metal or heavy plastic containers with tight-fitting lids.



Armadillo



Skunk



Mouse



Squirrel

Rat