

**I have placed several articles and links here because each of them give different INFO and some advice that is vital for you to know. You can decide what action you are going to take. THERE'S 4 LINKS for effective catchers at the end of article.**

## **How to Get Rid of Mice Naturally**

### **Making barriers**

**Block up holes in interior and exterior walls.** Start with the interior walls; it's best to leave a way out for the mice. They may leave your home or apartment for easier pickings elsewhere. If trapped within the walls they may chew new holes.

- Find the places the mice are using. Sometimes there will be greasy stains. Nearly always there will be faeces. There is also a characteristic odour. Mark the holes with chalk and clean the area.
- Seal the entryways with scouring pads. The usual recommendation is steel wool. Unfortunately, steel wool rusts and is not a permanent solution. Instead, use green kitchen pads (those used for cleaning pans and such) cut to the right size, or copper scouring pads. The pads must be secured to the sides of the hole or the mice will eventually pull them out. Large holes will need to be repaired.
- After a couple of days, look for evidence of continuing mouse activity. If there is any, check the holes that you sealed, and look for more holes. Seal as needed.
- Once you are sure that the interior walls are secure, seal any holes on the exterior of your building. You may use plastic scouring pads, but in some cases walls may need tuck-pointing or other repairs.

### **Deterring mice**

**Keep your home clean.** If there is nothing to eat, they will be less likely to stay. Keep all food stored properly in airtight containers and in places that are safe from mouse attack.

**Put your trash cans as far away as possible from your home.** Mice smell it and get attracted to your house.

### **Repelling mice**

**Try peppermint oil.** Peppermint oil is a natural deterrent. The smell is simply too intense for rodents and they will not try to go near it. It also helps to mask the scent of any tasty morsels that have been missed when cleaning. You can get peppermint oil in most health food stores and even some major grocery stores. Place a drop or two on a cotton ball.

- Place the cotton balls in areas where mice are likely to enter your house, by doorways or heat vents, etc.
- Another helpful deterrent is to grow peppermint plants near the entryways. You can use the mint in cooking as well as it serving a deterrent purpose.
- Place tubs of used kitty litter around entrances of the house.** The mice will sniff the smell of cat urine and clear off in a jiffy.

<http://www.wikihow.com/Get-Rid-of-Mice-Naturally>

*Field mice come inside when the weather turns cold, invading your home and space. They enter through small cracks and openings that are in your foundation and even come in through the doors. To prevent mice from entering at all, fix all cracks in your foundation and secure all doors and windows by adding weather stripping. But if you already have mice under your home, you most likely know this because they are also inside your home. There are ways to get rid of your unwanted visitors, along with steps you can take to keep them away for good.*

Look for mouse droppings in main living areas. Mouse droppings are small, about 1/8-inch long and black. If you find droppings that are larger than this, you may have a rat infestation. Check your whole house to determine if the infestation is general or more localized to certain parts of your house.

Look for mouse footprints and tail drag marks in dust and lint on the floor. Doing so will help you determine their level of activity. A lot of prints and drag marks will suggest the presence of many mice. Hold a flashlight over the floor at a low angle (5 to 10 degrees). You will be able to see tracks and footprints by the shadows the light will help produce.

Check food storage and regular storage areas (pantry, laundry room, closets) for signs of recent chewing. Mice use cardboard and paper products to build nests.

Put on a dust mask to protect yourself. Enter your crawl space and begin searching for mice activity (droppings, footprints, tail drag marks).

Clean your regular living space, and maintain cleanliness for a while when you are trying to get rid of a mouse infestation. Clean dishes immediately; make sure the trash is taken out; keep spills cleaned up---even water; keep floors and all other kitchen surfaces crumb-free; and clean up after pets immediately.

Place mouse bait throughout the high activity areas in your living space. Use snap traps baited with peanut butter near food storage areas to prevent poison exposure. Check the poisoned areas and the traps regularly for signs of further activity.

Read more : [http://www.ehow.com/how\\_6303223\\_can-field-mice-under-house\\_.html](http://www.ehow.com/how_6303223_can-field-mice-under-house_.html)

## **How to Repel Mice**

**Use peppermint to repel mice. Mice hate the smell of peppermint. Position peppermint plants near wall corners. Pour generous amounts of peppermint oil on cotton balls. Place the saturated cotton balls on areas where mice are possibly seen--around counter tops, under the sofas in your living room, behind shelves, wall corners or on the floor beneath your kitchen sink.**

Use bay leaves to repel mice. Dry them, crush them into powder and sprinkle them on kitchen floors and pantries.

Get rid of food and water sources. One of the top reasons why mice invade your home is because of easy access to food and water. To prevent this from happening, you have to observe cleanliness and proper sanitation around your home. Vacuum or sweep around kitchen floors, under refrigerators and stoves, around food cabinets or pantries and below dining tables to get rid of food crumbs.

Store food in airtight containers. Avoid leaving unwashed dishes in your sink overnight. Thoroughly wipe your dining table, stoves and counter tops. Tightly seal garbage bins and bags in or outside your home. Empty the dishes of your pets after they are done eating and see to it that their food is properly stored. Fix any leaking faucets around your home and close your shower, sink and bathtub drains when not in use.

Block all points of entry around your home. This is by far the most effective way of preventing mice from entering your home. Mice can squeeze into holes of about  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch, so make sure to properly seal any existing cracks around the foundations of your home. Mice can use shrubs to climb on torn screens or cracks on window sills. Trim shrubs, or better yet, remove overgrowing shrubs around your home. Close the gaps around the sidings of your doors or windows and install some tight-fitting screens for further protection. Cover openings around electric, water and gasoline lines using steel wools or copper mesh.

Remove any potential sources of shelter. Stacked up materials such as old shoe boxes, paper bags, magazines and newspapers are ideal homes for mice. The same goes for old boards and junk cars in your garage and piles of wood and lumber outside your house.

Use live traps. This is considered to be the most humane method for getting rid of mice in your home. Just set the traps against wall corners or other areas where you have seen mice. Inspect your traps every now and then to see if there's a mouse in one of them. If there is, place a used cloth or old towel over the trap to keep the mouse calm. Dispose the captured mouse by taking it to a wooded area miles away from your home to prevent a new infestation. You can purchase live traps at hardware stores or online.

Other than peanut butter, you can also use dried fruits, bacon strips and chocolates as mice baits. Using cheese for bait is not a good idea because it gets spoiled too quickly leaving a rotten smell inside your home.

Ultrasonic rodent repellent can be effective to repel mice. But this device can potentially harm your house pets such as cats, dogs, guinea pigs and gerbils.

[http://www.ehow.com/how\\_4556143\\_repel-mice.html](http://www.ehow.com/how_4556143_repel-mice.html)

## The Best Way to Get Rid of Field Mice

If you notice mice in the fields near your home, it is probably only a matter of time before they enter your home and start munching on your food. Field mice often carry disease and will mess in your home. If that isn't bad enough, field mice will begin to chew on your furniture. Before you know it you have a serious problem. It is best to get rid of the field mice as soon as possible.

Store all garbage on your property in containers with secure lids. If you don't provide a food source for the field mice, they will look elsewhere.

Clean up your yard, and keep it mowed. Remove any covered areas where field mice could hide.

**Walk around the perimeter of your house and identify any holes where a mouse could burrow. Plug any holes. You could use boards, caulk and steel wool.**

Set mouse traps where you have seen field mice. Place dead mice inside a plastic bag and seal it before discarding.

Use poison baits outside. Don't use them inside because you would run the risk of the poison taking effect while the mice are inside of your walls.

Read more : [http://www.ehow.com/how\\_6087772\\_way-rid-field-mice.html](http://www.ehow.com/how_6087772_way-rid-field-mice.html)

## **The Effects of Field Mice Getting in Your Home**

Field mice often enter homes at the end of the summer to build their nests and stay safe during the winter. These unwanted guests can cause a great deal of trouble in a home and they are not safe roommates. Understanding the damage field mice can cause in a home is critical.

### **Diseases**

- Field mice can cause several diseases and some of them can be transmitted to humans. The most common disease that humans can get from a field mouse is the hanta virus. This is contracted when exposed to infected mouse urine or fecal matter. The disease enters through the lungs and cause hemorrhagic internal bleeding and shuts down the organs. There is no actual cure for the hanta virus, although some patients survive with antibiotic treatment.

### **Damage**

- Field mice can cause extensive damage to a home and your belongings. For example, if you have boxes of clothes and stored items, field mice in your home will see these as ideal places to build a nest and have a snack. They will chew on our belongings and urinate and defecate on them as well. Field mice can also chew holes in woodwork and walls and cause a large amount of damage, considering their overall small size.

### **Electrical Shorts**

- Many house fires are started every year due to electrical shorts, caused in part by field mice nibbling on wires. Mice are voracious eaters and will chew on literally anything they can get their teeth on. Wires are no exception. In fact, they are drawn to the plastic coating on electric wires. They will nibble on an area during the night, and the next morning when you turn a light on, the wire can short, potentially causing a fire. Even if a fire does not occur, the cost to rewire a home can be quite high.

### **Secondary Problems**

- Field mice can invade a home and make life miserable for its inhabitants. They steal food, stocking it away in dark corners where it can mold and begin to smell. If they eat your food the entire box must be thrown away to avoid contamination. In addition, if you attempt to poison mice and you have pets such as dogs or cats, your pets may die if they eat a poisoned field mouse.

Read more : [http://www.ehow.com/info\\_8628787\\_effects-field-mice-getting-home.html](http://www.ehow.com/info_8628787_effects-field-mice-getting-home.html)

## HERE ARE THE 4 BEST CATCHERS I KNOW

### The Humane Mousetrap

- \* Humane \* Simple to Use
- \* Safe \* Hygenic \* Re-usable

And it works like a charm. Solve your mouse problem the humane way with our easy-to-use Humane Mouse Trap.

SO SIMPLE TO USE. Catch mice and set them free.

Most mouse traps are vicious and rarely kill the poor mouse outright. The poor little creatures are usually just maimed and die a slow and agonising death. Poisons are just as hideous. Not only do they cause the mouse to die painfully and slowly, but they continue to poison other animals that feed on the dead/dying mouse.

<http://www.humanemousetrap.com.au>

### The Big Cheese Live Catch Mouse Trap - 2 Pack

#### [The Big Cheese Live Catch Mouse Trap - 2 Pack I/N ...](#)

[www.bunnings.com.au](http://www.bunnings.com.au) > ... > Animal & Rodent Control

The Big Cheese live catch **mouse trap** is a simple trip and trap mechanism for easy setting. It is baited and ready to use and has a locking bar to prevent escape.

### Victor Live Catch Humane Mouse Trap

#### Details

The Victor Live Catch Mouse Trap is a galvanized steel box, with a large top lid that can be opened. Inside the box, there are two chambers at opposite ends of the trap. Inside each chamber is a weighted "teeter-totter" ramp that allows mice to enter the trap. Once the mouse is in the trap, the ramp flips back and closes access to the exit. The mouse is trapped, and the ramps are ready to catch the next mouse. The two chambers allow the trap to catch mice from either direction.

#### Features:

- Non-lethal mouse trap catches up to 30 mice in one setting
- Catch and release mice without having to see or touch them
- Safe and humane alternative to spring traps and poison traps
- Constructed of galvanized steel to prevent rusting
- Made in the USA
- Available on eBay
- See instructions here

<http://eartheasy.com/victor-live-catch-humane-mouse-trap#overview>

## Mice Device - Humane Multicatch Trap



There's finally a better, faster solution to humane live mouse trap for capture of mice in your home. Mice Device is an easy to use, live multi-catch trap that allows you to efficiently capture multiple mice and release them humanely back into the outdoors..... away from your home.

The Mice Device's see through plastic design makes it easy to detect trapped mice from a distance. The Mice Device's narrow profile snugly fits along walls, behind refrigerators or in pantry's, under baseboard of cabinets, in the garage or basement - anywhere where mice are traveling. Polycarbonate construction is extremely rugged, and durable, possibly the last mousetrap you'll ever have to purchase.

The Mice Device is easy to maintain, can be reused as often as needed to keep your home protected, day and night, and is proudly made in the USA.

- Reusable humane live no-kill multi-catch mouse trap.
- Removable interior components allow easy cleaning.
- Narrow profile design can be placed in strategic locations.
- Polycarbonate construction is extremely rugged and durable.
- Proudly made in the USA.
- TRAPS SHOULD BE CHECKED REGULARLY FOR CAUGHT RODENTS - AT LEAST ONCE A DAY

<http://www.easypestsupplies.com.au/mice-device-humane-multicatch-trap.html>

### Janet's Method:

IF YOU DON'T HAVE A CATCHER OR NEED ONE STRAIGHT AWAY I FOUND ONE BY CHANCE WHEN I HAD PAPER CONTENTS FROM A WASTE PAPER BASKET WITH A FEW SWEET WRAPS (I get on seldom occasions) IN A PLASTIC SHOPPING BAG (a bit bigger than most) IN THE HALLWAY READY TO TAKE OUTSIDE. THEN WHILE I WAS WORKING AT MY COMPUTER SEVERAL METERS AWAY, I HEARD THE SOUND OF ACTIVITY IN THE BAG. I WENT QUIETLY OVER TO IT, SHUT THE TOP QUICKLY WITH A RUBBER BAND AND WENT OUTSIDE AND DROVE TO SOME VACANT LAND NOT FAR AWAY AND LET THEM OUT IN THEIR HABITAT.

AFTER THAT WORKED - A FEW DAYS LATER WHEN I NOTICED A FEW MORE IN THE HOUSE – I GOT A SHOPPING BAG, SCRUNCHEDED SOME PAPERS LOOSELY (to take up room) AND TOPPED UP THE BAG LEAVING A FEW INCHES RECESS NEXT TO THE HANDLES SO I COULD SHUT IT QUICKLY. IT WORKED A FEW MORE TIMES!

SO ALL YOU NEED IS A SHOPPING BAG, A RUBBER BAND AND A SMALL AMOUNT OF THEIR FAVORITE FOOD IN THE BOTTOM OF THE BAG, SO THEY CAN'T GET OUT OF THE BAG QUICKLY. IT'S THE CHEAPEST, MOST EFFECTIVE WAY I KNOW OF WHEN THEY KEPT AVOIDING A CATCHER AFTER I CAUGHT 1 OR 2.....THEY'RE SO SMART AND WE NEED TO BE SMARTER. YOU WILL HEAR AND SEE THE MOVEMENT OF THE MOUSE/MICE IN THE BAG. GIVE THEM 1-2 MINS BEFORE YOU CATCH THEM.....HEY? THEY LIKE BAGS AND PAPER, IT'S JUST IDEAL. GIVE IT A TRY!

If you are getting nowhere and have to take drastic measures, I put the links here for you about that.

Remember it's in their interest of the Pest Exterminators to tell you that you **must** get them out. But it makes a lot of sense if you can't control them. They multiply every 6 weeks. It could be a few, it could be more!

<http://www.orkin.com/rodents/mouse-control/mice-repellent-spray>

<http://www.orkin.com/rodents/mouse-control/electronic-mice-repellent>

<http://www.orkin.com/rodents/mouse-control/how-to-get-rid-of-mice>

<http://www.orkin.com/rodents/mouse-control/how-to-get-mice-out-of-house-walls>