

Avoid Unwanted Guests This Winter



As the cooler months approach, it is likely you have begun to notice an increase in rodent activity as rats and mice venture indoors looking for warmer places to live.

This Summer's favourable conditions have led to an explosion in rat and mice numbers in many places around Australia. Rodents are not only an unwanted guest because of their unhygienic ways, dropping faeces and urinating within the home but they can also spread disease and cause significant damage to our homes and work places through gnawing on cable, electrical cords, irrigation pipes and almost anything they can find! Farms can be affected by damage to seeds, stored feed and infrastructure.

PREPARATION IS KEY

Coming into the cooler months it is important to prepare your home for the influx of rodents that will be trying to get into it. Ensure holes in floors, walls and roofs are sealed. Clean up any animal feed lying around and secure pet food so it is unable to be accessed by rodents. Remove rubbish from around the house particularly in the backyard, repair leaking pipes and remove anything that can hold water. Vegetation overhanging homes and structures should be cut back and long grass around buildings slashed.

Beginning perimeter baiting (baiting outside of the home, sheds, structures and storage areas such as where feed, machinery and valuables are kept) at the beginning of the colder months, prior to noticing a rodent infestation, is the best way to prevent rodents appearing within the home and inside places we do not want them to be. iO Ratshot Locked Bait Stations are a reliable way to secure bait

and protect your children, pets and livestock while perimeter baiting as they are securable and lockable. Simply secure the bait stations at intervals of 3m-9m around your house, shed or structure and place chosen bait inside.

EARLY DETECTION

Rat and Mouse Traps are a good indicator of rodent activity and often aid in early detection. Victor Rat and Mouse Traps are reusable, cost effective and a poison free way to control rat and mice numbers. Traps can also be used to remove stubborn Alpha rats who will sometimes avoid bait.

HIGH POPULATION CONTROL

Ratshot Blue Block, Paste and Grain Bait are always recommended for everyday baiting as well as baiting in sensitive areas due to its targeted effect on rats and mice and reduced risk to non-targets. However, during the colder months where populations will be at a high, Ratshot Red Block, Paste, Pellet and NEW Grain Bait can be used to significantly reduce rat and mouse numbers. Rotation between bait actives is an important practice to prevent resistance and to guarantee targeted control is achieved.

THE RATSHOT RANGE

The Ratshot range consists of two highly effective actives delivered in four different bait forms, providing numerous baiting options. Developed for rodent taste preferences and nutritional requirements throughout their life cycle Ratshot delivers performance and power. Combined with the Victor trapping range and Ratshot Locked Bait Stations you have never been better equipped to take up the fight against rats and mice this Winter.