



Rodent Control Guide

What you need to know to eliminate rats and mice from your home

When is the rodent control season?

Usually Autumn is the peak season for rats and mice but rodents are all year around pests. When its dry in summer, mice will seek out moisture. When the weather turns cold, rats and mice will seek out someplace warm. Our homes are the ideal environment, because they not only provide warmth and shelter but also food.



Where will I find rodents in my home?

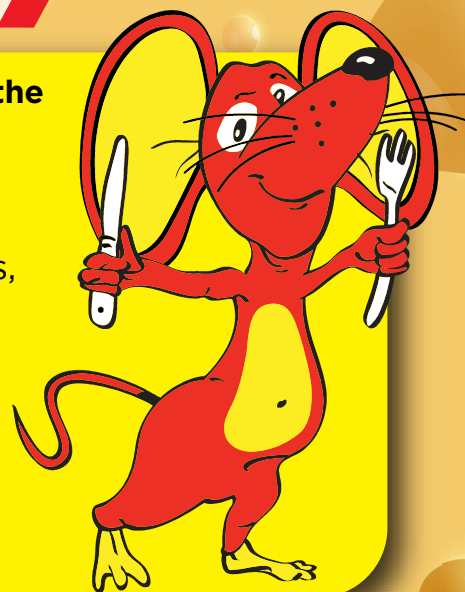
Rats will travel up to 50 metres for food and mice within 30 metres, so you need to think outside the room to find where rodents are hiding in your home. Rodents are looking for either food, water or shelter so any location that offers one of these is vulnerable to a rodent infestation.



How do I know I have rats or mice?

There are lots of ways to spot activity even if you don't see the rodents themselves. Signs include -

- Chewed food or food packaging
- Rodent droppings or urine stains around food packages, in drawers, cupboards or under the sink.
- Nesting material such as fabric, shredded paper or even dried leaves.
- Holes chewed through walls, floors and skirting boards.
- Sounds of gnawing and scuttling.



How can I get rid of rodents?

There are **5 pillars** for effective rodent control and has something for everyone's needs and beliefs.

- **PREVENTION**
- **BAIT & KILL**
- **CATCH & KILL**
- **REPEL**
- **CATCH ALIVE**

You also have to consider whether there are risks of accidental access by younger family members or pets. Then we recommend products in our range that are CHILD & PET SAFER.



Prevention

Keep areas clean and free from food sources. This includes storing seeds, grains, pet food in sealed containers.

A mouse can fit through a 20mm gap. Seal off entry points like gaps and open pipes. Remove potential nesting materials such as newspaper, dry leaves or paper.



Bait & Kill

The Big Cheese offers 2 big choices in lots of different sizes when buying a rodenticide. Home Choice kills rats and mice effectively while using 50% LESS POISON while Ultra Power is a single feed bait for FAST ACTION.

Both are available as throw packs or wax blocks. Both work well.

We always recommend you use a tamper proof bait station when baits are used in areas that are accessible to family and pets.



Catch & Kill

Mouse traps have come a long way. The Big Cheese range includes pre baited traps that rodents can't resist, protected traps that won't catch your pet or little fingers and our hi-tech electronic rat and mouse traps, that can kill up to 100 rodents with one set of batteries.



Repel

There are alternatives to killing rodents. The Big Cheese Repel products are designed to make your home unbearable for rats and mice, while remaining safe and undetectable to your family and most pets. Sonic Repellers can be used all year round to prevent rodents making themselves at home. If there is an existing infestation allow up to 3 weeks.



Catch Alive

Many people nowadays are looking for welfare friendly options to deal with their rodent problem. The catch alive range allows you to catch from 1 to 10 mice and even rats without causing them harm. Simply catch your rodent and relocate far away from your home.



Whether it's to deal with an existing problem or take preventative action, The Big Cheese is the trusted name and one stop shop for all your rodent control needs. You can find our full range in the Bunnings Warehouse pest control aisle.