

## Post Mice Bait Treatments Guidelines

The majority of control programs for rats, mice, pocket gophers and ground squirrels involve the placement of poison bait, and this has remained the most convenient and effective method for the treatment of these pests.

If traps and/or poison baits have not been used adequately in the past, mice in the premises may have developed trap and/or bait "shyness": when this happens, rodent control becomes more difficult.

Mice may take from a couple of days to a couple of weeks to start eating the baits. Therefore a significant decrease in mice population usually starts in 1 - 2 weeks from the bait box placement, **but this also depends on how well the households follow the post treatment guidelines provided by Savvy Pest Control Ltd.** 

Once the bait stations are placed we suggest setting up a follow up inspection 1 - 2 weeks after (please call Savvy Pest Control Ltd. for arranging inspection appointments). This is crucial to ensure a continuous supply of poisonous baits until all the mice are exterminated or controlled, or to take some other actions if mice are showing some resistance to eating the baits.

## Complete mice control may take from few weeks up to a couple of months, depending on the size of the mice population and the household diligence in following the guidelines provided by Savvy.

Once the mice have been controlled or exterminated, monthly inspections should be considered as a preventive action when premises are located in an area with mice issues.

## Immediate actions:

- Remove all food and water sources the mice could be attracted to (the mice won't eat the poison baits if they see and smell more familiar types of food)
- □ Store pantry foods in airtight containers or move them into the fridge
- □ Use tightly lidded trash cans
- Inspect the perimeters of your rooms and exterior walls, particularly around where pipes enter, and fill any holes or cracks you find with silicone caulking or steel wool.

## Preventive actions:

- □ Never vacuum or sweep droppings, nests or dead mice. This can create dust that can be inhaled. The dust may contain Hantavirus or other diseases. Look for an approved procedure for cleaning as per local regulations.
- Grab dead mice with disposable gloves and put them into plastic bags. Be sure to double bag the mice and then place them into an outdoor garbage container.