

ENIS CLEANING SPECIAL REPORT

How to Handle a Mouse Problem

Without Chemicals or Poisons

Dealing with a mouse problem can be frustrating. At Eni's Cleaning we have made a special report for you to learn a few solutions how to deal with mice without using harsh chemicals and poisons.

1) The #1 solution to avoid a mouse problem is to keep clean. You have to keep clean to keep the mice away. Constant cleanup is a necessity because the mice will find every single crumb and every piece of food left behind. You have to sweep up and wipe down every surface after preparing meals and doing any cooking. Regular mopping and using great cleaning products will keep the house smelling clean and will help keep the mice away. Vacuum the rugs and under tables after meals and be sure not to leave any dishes in the sink after you are done.

2) Scented oils. You can prepare a scented oil treatment that will deter the mice. It will keep the house smelling nice and the mice hate it.

You will need...

- cotton balls
- peppermint essential oil

Directions

Add 20-30 drops of peppermint essential oil to each cotton ball and lay strategically around your home. Refresh every week or so, or whenever you notice the smell is fading. Feel free to experiment with other essential oils/oil blends in addition to peppermint.

3) Get a cat. A cat will hunt down those mice and will frequently catch them too! If you can deal with pets and don't mind picking up after them when they kill a few mice, then they are perfect. The mice won't even come around if they know a cat is around and they can pick up on the scent very quickly

4) Make a mouse deterrent spray. This spray works! The mice hate it and avoid it. Try it out with your mix of mouse deterrents and you will be surprised

You will need...

- 1/2 cup chopped habaneros
- 2 tablespoons hot pepper flakes
- 16 cups (1 gallon) of fresh water
- Two 2 Gallon buckets
- A gallon jug and a spray bottle
- Cheesecloth
- Gloves/goggles
- A large pot

Directions

Wear gloves and goggles when making and applying this powerful mixture. A surgical mask isn't a bad idea either, as it can cause some respiratory irritation in some individuals.

In a large pot, bring water to a boil. Put peppers and flakes in a food processor and blend until they are a little more roughly chopped up. You can do this by hand, but I find it less irritating to the eyes to use the food processor. Put the pepper blend into a 2 Gallon bucket, and then pour the boiling water over them. Cover the mixture and allow it to sit for 24 hours. Using cheesecloth, strain out the pepper bits by pouring the mixture into another 2 Gallon bucket. Fill your spray bottle and spritz around entrances and affected areas. A little goes a long way! Don't use this on carpets as it may discolor the surface. I like to apply around the outside perimeter of my house, but if you want to apply it indoors, after a day or two wipe the old spray up with some water and reapply. Always test a small area first to make sure it doesn't affect the color.

The mixture, covered, keeps for months out of direct sunlight, so simply refill your bottle when needed.

5) Dryer sheets can work well to put in corners and in under the counter, however if you are concerned about fumes, save the dryer sheets for the attic.

You will need...

- Regular old dryer sheets

Directions

Lay out around problem areas. Refresh when the scent is extremely faded/gone (usually once a month or so.) It's a good idea to weight down the corners of the sheets. On the offhand chance you forget to replace them, they can be used as nesting material for the mice once the odor wears off. They can also be moved quite easily. I personally like to use them to help plug up any entrances I find that the mice are breaking into.

6) Copper wire or steel wool works great. The mice don't chew this stuff, and if you plug up a few mice holes they will avoid these entrances.

You will need...

-1 roll of copper wire mesh/copper steel

Directions

Roll up the copper into thin wads and stuff firmly into cracks/holes/any entrances being used by the mice. Use a stick to really jam it in there, and use as many layers as you can without making it loose or sloppy. After installing, you can also spray with a little bit of hot pepper spray for extra deterrent.

7) Use traps. You can buy humane traps for mice. They can be caught live, and you can transport them safely away from your home. A short drive down the road about a mile will do.

You will need...

-A humane trap

-Bait

Directions

Follow the Directions on the back of the trap, as each one is different. Some ensure humans to avoid contact with the mice by means of a bait trigger. For example, a cracker is set in a holder in the cage. You put said cage far away, and when the mouse chews through the cracker, the door opens. You can then collect the now empty cage.

8) Cloves are amazing because they smell great and the mice don't like it at all.

You will need...

-Clove essential oil OR whole cloves

-Cotton balls

Directions

Apply in the same way as the peppermint oil. Put 20-30 drops onto a cotton ball and place strategically around the house. Be sure you don't have any pets wandering around that would gulp it down. If you're using whole cloves, wrap them in an old piece of cotton t shirt and use in place of the cotton balls.

9) Aluminum Foil - The mice can't chew it. They will try but for some reason they just don't like it. If they see foil around, they won't even walk on it. It must be the sound or something but whatever it is they will go elsewhere.

You will need...

-Aluminum foil

Directions

Cover the surface where you're finding mouse droppings with the foil. Of course, you can't cover your whole house, but if you're finding them on the countertops, for example, cover those with the foil. Lay the foil at night right before bedtime, and fold up in the morning. You can re-use it, but I recommend against it, on the off-hand chance that a mouse did track its little mitts all over it!

10) Baking Soda. Mixing Baking Soda with peanut butter or other sweet jam or nut paste will eliminate mice. Although this is a non-toxic solution, it is not so humane because it will kill the mice. When mice eat Baking Soda, they will soon die because the soda expands in their stomachs and there is no way to relieve the pressure. It is not a pleasant experience for the mice, and you risk having a dead mouse somewhere in the house. This can eventually smell real bad so it is not our #1 choice for a solution, however if you are ok with this, the mice will definitely not come back.

Poisons and chemicals are really bad for the environment. They have had a long-term effect on people's health and we recommend using alternative solutions. Keep the poisons and chemicals out of your home and keep it clean. Mice can be dealt with safely and humanely if we just know how to do it properly.

Thank you for reading this special report from Eni's Cleaning Company! Let us know if you would like to hear about cleaning solutions for your home. Feel free to contact us anytime.

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