



# Tips for managing rodents without SGARs

When dealing with rodent pests, there are several options that can be taken without resorting to Second-Generation anticoagulant rodenticides. The first steps you take can avoid poisons entirely.

## Keep rodents out

Use physical barriers to prevent rodents from getting into buildings. Chicken wire over any potential rodent pathways is a good option. This is a long-term solution and should be the first step in home rodent control.

## Remove food and water

Having food sources available attracts rodents. In the garden, pick up any fallen fruit and veg, make sure compost isn't accessible and keep pet foods in chew-proof containers. In the house, chew proof containers are also a good option

## Remove shelters

Debris, such as thick leaf litter, and clutter are safe havens for rodent pests. Minimise potential rodent shelters around your home.

## Use traps

There are many different traps available depending on your circumstances. Use traps that do not pose a risk to non-target species. If you are trapping outside, or in an area that other species can access, consider live traps so any non-target species can be safely released. Snap traps are a good option inside the home.

## Rodenticides

If using rodenticides, look out for the active ingredients **warfarin**, **coumatetralyl** and **diphacinone**. These are what's known as First-Generation Anticoagulant Rodenticides, and pose less risk to non-target species. It is still important to use bait stations to deliver bait, these make it harder for any non-target species to access the poison.

## Learn more

- The Australasian Pest Management Association has a comprehensive policy of best practice rodent control. [Link here, or search 'AEPMA best practice'](#).
- Read this [Conversation piece \(link here\)](#) written by Edith Cowan University researcher Rob Davis, on tips for rodent control without SGARs.



# Rodent Control Products

We've gathered some products that are good alternatives to SGARs. This list is non-exhaustive and may be updated regularly.

## Buy

### Traps and Lures

- Ensystex Nara range of traps and non-toxic lures: <https://ensystex.com.au/nara.html>
- Goodnature traps, for use away from other animals: <https://goodnature.com.au/>
- Live traps, like those available at: <https://www.pestrol.com.au/>
- Rodent proofing materials like wire mesh: <https://www.pestrol.com.au/>

### Baits and FGARs

Ensure active poison ingredients are warfarin, coumatetatryl or diphacinone. Purchase baits that come in block or paste form, and deliver them in tamper-proof bait stations. Avoid bait pellets as these can be easily eaten by other animals.

- Ratsak Naturals (a human and pet safe bait option)
- Tamper proof bait stations are available at all major suppliers
- JT Eaton Apple Bait Block Rodenticide
- Bayer Racumin Rat and Mouse Paste
- Ruth Consolidated Industries (RCI) Ratblitz bait
- Parafarm Ratex Mouse and Rat Bait
- Yates RATSAC Double Strength Bait Station
- PCT Holdings Surefire Couma All Weather Blocks Rodenticide
- Motomco Tomcat All-Weather Rodent Block

## Avoid

### SGARs

Packaging for SGARs can be unclear, but as a safe bet **avoid** products with the ingredients **brodifacoum, bromadiolone, difethialone, difenacoum** or **flocoumafen**. The following products all contain SGARs and should be avoided.

- Bainbridge Bait Blocks Rodenticide
- De Sangosse Australia Bromakil Grain Bait for Rats and Mice
- De Sangosse Australia Bromakil Super Rat Drink
- Bell Laboratories Inc. Contrac Blox
- Bell Laboratories Inc. Contrac Soft Bait
- Bell Laboratories Inc. Contrac All Weather Blox Rodenticide
- Liphatech Generation Blue Rodenticide Soft Bait
- Reckitt Mortein Kills Rats & Mice and the Fleas They Carry Dual Action Baits
- Reckitt Mortein Rat Kill Professional Household Protection



- Animal Control Technologies Mouseoff Bromadiolone Rodent Bait
- Zapi S.P.A Muskil Soft Bait with Two Actives for Faster Kill of Rats & Mice
- Amgrow Patrol Rodex Rat Blocks
- PCT Holdings All Weather PCT First Formula Blocks Rodenticide
- Triox Pestmaster Rat and Mouse Killer
- Yates RATSAK Fast Action Bait Station Kills Rats & Mice
- Yates RATSAK Fast Action Disposable Mouse Bait Station with Wax Block
- Yates RATSAK Rapid Strike Dual Active Wax Blocks
- Freezone Public Health Ratshot Final Kill Paste Rodenticide
- Freezone Public Health Ratshot One Shot Rodenticide Pellets
- Freezone Public Health Ratshot Rapid Kill Rodenticide Blocks
- Pelgar International Roban Rodenticide Blocks
- Zapi S.P.A Rodenthor Gel Rodenticide
- Bayer Rodilon Pro Rodenticide
- BASF Australia Storm Secure Wax Block
- PCT Holdings Surefire All Weather Blocks Rodenticide
- PCT Holdings Surefire Broma, Couma or Difenate Blocks Rodenticide
- Yates Talon Rat & Mouse Killer All Weather Wax Blocks
- Yates Talon Rat & Mouse Killer Pellets
- Yates Talon XT Pro Rodenticide Wax Blocks
- Pelgar International (Aus) The Big Cheese Home Choice All Weather Block Bait
- Pelgar International (Aus) The Big Cheese Home Choice Rat & Mouse Kill Throw Packs
- Pelgar International (Aus) The Big Cheese Ultra Power Fast Action Bait Blocks
- Bell Laboratories Inc. Tomcat All-Weather Blox
- Bell Laboratories Inc. II Tomcat II Blox Rodenticide