Baiting Tips for Mice

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- Always use **fresh bait**. Rodents will avoid old, moldy, or insect-ridden baits.
- When baiting for mice, a good measure for distance between placements is 8 to 12 feet apart for light to moderate infestations. Heavy or severe infestations may require placements of 4 to 8 feet.
- As a rule, many bait placements containing smaller amounts of bait are more effective in mouse control than a few placements containing a lot of bait.
- For heavy infestations, use the maximum number of bait placements indicated by the label.
- **Bait stations** should be placed where mice are likely to encounter them during their routine travels, between harborages and food sources.
- Corners are "hot spots" for bait placements since mice tend to spend a lot of time in darkened corners.
- Attempt to locate "favorite feeding locations" (indicated by a high concentration of rodent signs-droppings, tracks, odors, shredded paper, etc.) and replace existing food sources with bait stations in these locations.
- Always use mouse-sized bait stations, not the larger stations designed for rats.
- Mice often live above or below their food sources, in attics or basements, so bait placements should not be limited to a single level of the infested structure.
- Mice develop preferences for certain types of foods and baits. If there appears to be bait avoidance, try placing 3 or 4 different bait formulations (pellets, place packs, bait blocks, liquid bait) to see if the mice will prefer one formulation over another.
- If a bait placement remains unvisited upon inspection, try moving the placement five feet in another direction.

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