

How To Use Potato Flakes As Rat Poison

If you want to try potato flakes as an alternative to more deadly traditional rat poisons, see the steps below to help you plan your extermination process.

Step 1

Ensure you buy enough potato flakes to cover a reasonably sized area where you suspect rats might gather, travel across, or nest.

Step 2

Fill a small bowl, low enough for a rat to reach, with potato flakes, and set it down on the ground at night. This little pile of food will further entice the rat with an ample food supply.

Step 3

Fill a small saucer with water and place it near the potato flakes. If the rat eats the potato flakes, it will most likely become very thirsty and will look for a source of fresh water. However, the water will surely do the trick if the rat's stomach juices are insufficient to rehydrate the potato flakes.

Alternative Homemade Rat Poisons

If instant mashed potato flakes aren't your thing and you are looking at using something in its place, consider the following options that are easy to make and have readily available ingredients.

1. Artificially Sweetened Peanut Butter

This homemade poison is arguably better at fending off mice than fighting a rat infestation, but it's worth a shot if you aren't planning on buying a box of poison.

Mix some peanut butter and artificial sweetener. About two small packets of sweetener will do the trick. Ensure the sweetener contains Aspartame (the key to making this poison work). Roll the peanut butter and sweetener mix into small balls, about the size of a pearl, and leave them around areas you suspect any rat would frequent.

2. Baking Soda

You probably already have a small tub of baking soda in your kitchen. So why not use that instead of going to the shops to buy poison? All you have to do is combine a teaspoon of baking soda into some filler food that a rat wouldn't mind eating.

Like the peanut butter, mix your baking soda in, roll your tiny balls, and place them around the house. Alternatively, you could incorporate a small amount of flour, sugar, and baking soda in a shallow lid and put it near a wall you know the rat passes frequently.

3. Vitamin D

Crushing a small vitamin D tablet into a fine powder and leaving it out for a rat to find will have the same effects as cholecalciferol as it raises the amount of calcium in the rat's bloodstream. Lucky for us, small doses of vitamin D are not poisonous to us, our kids, or our pets.

Conclusion

It might seem like complete nonsense, but instant mashed potatoes could work as an alternative to more traditional poisons. In the end, the results speak for themselves. For example, suppose you successfully used instant mashed potatoes to rid your home of a rodent infestation. In that case, you can feel proud of yourself for doing so more humanely instead of hiring an exterminator to terminate them.