

RODENT GLUE TRAP USE INSTRUCTIONS

There are several different styles of glue traps, the most common being a trap that can be used either flat or folded into a box and/or a tent. These instructions are general based on this common design. Please refer to your glue trap packaging or contact a professional pest control operator if you need instructions tailored to a specific glue trap.

USE:

For all options, the first step is to remove the release liner covering the glue. For best results, always try to pull from a corner in one fast, smooth motion. Try not to stop pulling midway through, as it can be difficult to get the release liner going again. If you are having a difficult time removing a release liner, pop it in the freezer for a few seconds and it will pull right off!

- 1) Using as a flat trap – best option if you don't have kids or pets around that might easily step on it. **TIP:** if there is a perforation along the length of the trap, either tear off or fold up to bring the edge of the glue surface closer to the edge of the wall. This is particularly helpful in catching mice!
- 2) Using as a folded trap – if you are putting your glue traps in a space that typically has a lot of dust and/or debris, such as an attic, crawlspace, or a basement, you will have better results folding the trap to keep the glue more covered – too much dust can make the trap become less effective. Traps typically have scored lines to fold on, and a tab and lot closure. **TIP:** make sure you place your folded trap along the edge so both ends are open and a mouse is able to enter it like a tunnel!
- 3) For outdoor use – We don't typically recommend a homeowner use a rodent glue trap outside, due to the increased risk of unintended wildlife catch. If you must use outdoors, we recommend putting your glue traps into a reusable protective housing, such as Kness's Stick-All Mouse and Insect Trap. <http://www.kness.com/pest-control-products/mousetraps/Stick-All-Mouse-Insect-Trap/>

PLACEMENT:

Glue traps should be placed flush against the wall in areas where you have seen rodent activity. No additional bait is needed on a glue trap. You can also place traps under large appliances and inside cabinets, but avoid placing them in corners, as they work best when placed along a well-traveled path. You are more likely to have better results if you use multiple glue traps, just be sure to space them about 2 to 3 feet apart. If using outdoors, we recommend placing the glue trap in a protective covered housing, which can then be placed along the edges of fences, along the foundation of a house or shed, or near trash cans.

DISPOSAL:

If you are using a glue trap, it should be monitored regularly, and disposed of as soon as feasibly possible after a catch in order to avoid attracting additional pests.

- 1) Protect your hands. The number one reason we need pest control is to mitigate the spread of diseases carried by insects and rodents. If there is anything trapped in the glue, make sure to wear disposable gloves when handling it. If you are handling a trap with a live rodent, thicker gloves are recommended to protect you from potential bites
- 2) If there is a live rodent on it, and you want to end its suffering prior to disposal, the most humane way at this point is to be quick and efficient about it. You can place the trap into a bag and give it a swift hit with something heavy. If the rodent is already dead (which generally happens within 24 hours after becoming trapped), you can simply pick up the trap, drop it in a bag along with the disposable gloves, and dispose of it in regular household garbage, along with the disposable gloves.
- 3) Be sure to wash your hands thoroughly with soap and water after handling a glue trap.