

HOW TO

TRAP RATS

AT HOME

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What equipment will I need?

The **Victor professional trap**. Watch DOC's video 'How to set and service a Victor rat trap' on YouTube.

If you don't want to handle dead rats, try **Goodnature's A24 self-resetting traps**.

Make sure you **always wear gloves** when handling your trap or catches.



Where should I put my rat traps?

Set up **2-3 per backyard** and place inside rat tunnels to protect kids and pets (visit predatorfreenz.org to buy traps and tunnels).

Place them on a **flat surface near walls, compost or undercover**. If you're not getting results, try a different spot.



When should I check my traps?

Preferably daily until you're getting results and the catch rate goes down, then check every **2-3 weeks**. The more rats in the area, the more checks you'll need to do.



Lures/baits

Serve up some **peanut butter**, and refresh often.

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Set them **on lines 100m apart with a trap every 50m** (100x50m), or closer in areas with a large number of rats.

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Put a number on each trap and keep track of how many you've set, when and where.



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