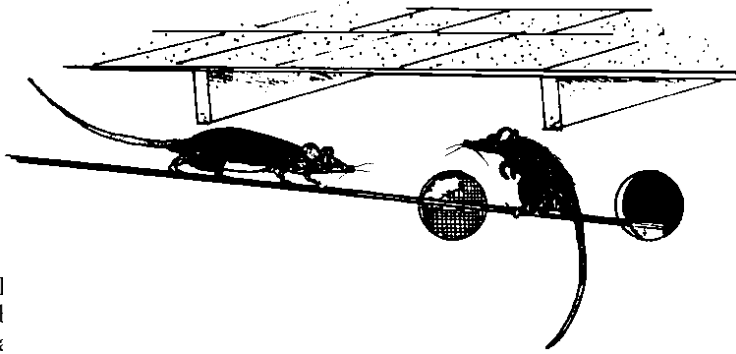


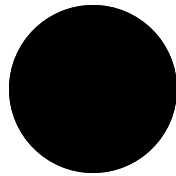
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and available through your local Home and Building Supply Center.

Suggested tools needed:

- Hammer
- Staple gun
- Pliers
- Screwdriver
- Putty knife
- Ladder
- Tin snips
- Portable drill
- Measuring tape



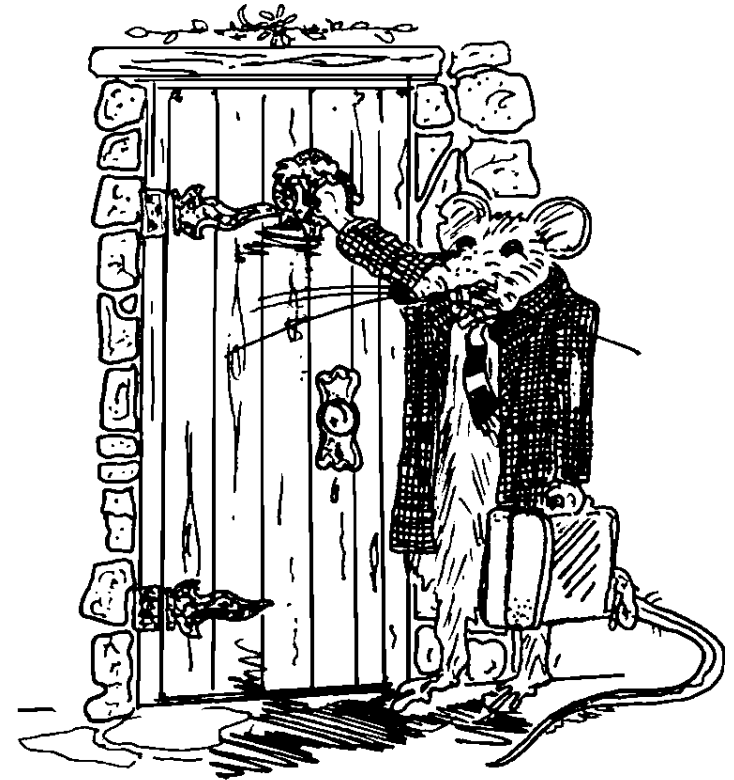
ACTUAL SIZE
HOLE A RAT
CAN ENTER



ACTUAL SIZE
HOLE A MOUSE
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Materials needed:

- 1/4" Hardware cloth (sold by the yard)
- House vent insert
- Crawl space vent
- Stucco or plaster patch
- Bronze or steel wool
- Door threshold or door sweep
- Door weather stripping
- Flashing (sheet metal)
- Wooden snap traps
- Metal trash can (for pet food)
- Sheet metal screws
- Expanding foam filler



Rodents in the walls and attic of your home are unnerving and unnecessary. Your house, garage, and sheds are favorite nesting places for rodents. These unwanted guests will set up housekeeping, rear their young, chew on electrical wires, feed on pet food, and anything else within reach.

Another reason to discourage the rodents from sharing your residence is the possible chance of disease, not to mention the panic some people experience upon discovery of rodents indoors.


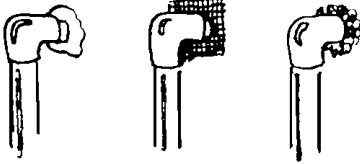
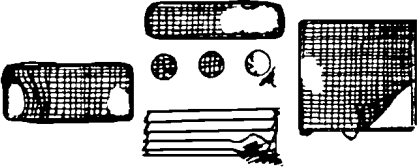
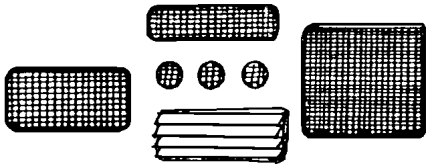
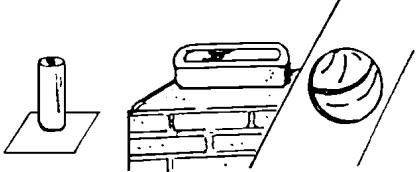
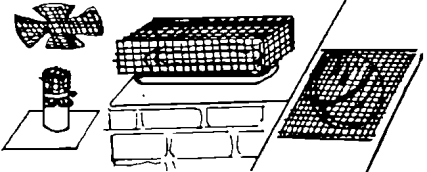
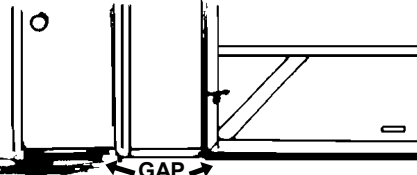
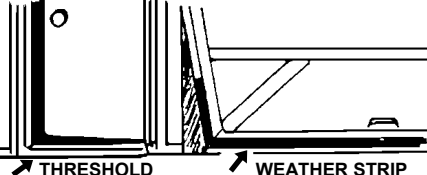
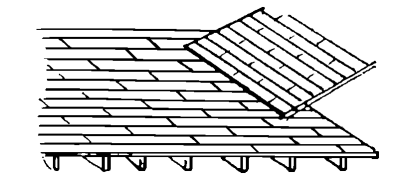
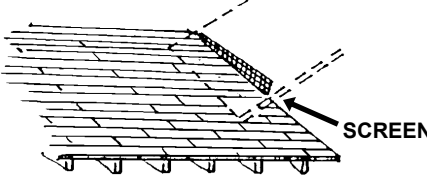
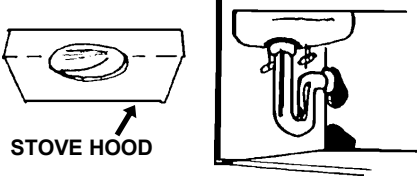
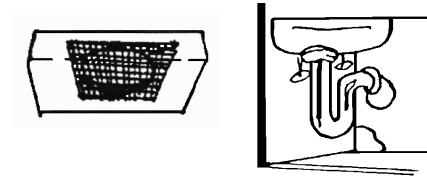
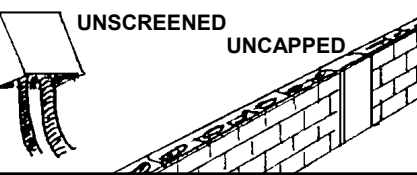
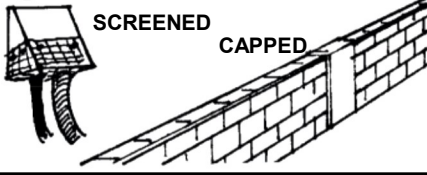
Those overlooked or unnoticed holes and openings are invitations to rodent shelter seekers. Here is a checklist of common rodent accesses along with illustrations of basic rodent-proofing techniques.



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OUTSIDE PROBLEM	BEFORE	AFTER	SOLUTION
<p style="text-align: center;">PIPES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water Heater • Outside Water Main • All Small Holes 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Repair with stucco or plaster patch. B. Screen. C. Stuff with steel or bronze wool.
<p style="text-align: center;">VENTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subfloor Vents • Attic Vents (or Louvers) • Crawl Spaces 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Attic Vents - Staple 1/4" hardware cloth from inside. B. House Vent Insert - Repair or replace. C. Crawl Space Vent - Repair or replace with tight fitting screen.
<p style="text-align: center;">ROOF & PLUMBING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chimneys • Turbines • Plumbing Vents 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Toilet Vent - Screen off with 1/4" hardware cloth & hose clamp. B. Chimney - Screen off with spark arrester. C. Heat/Oven Vents - Screen off. D. Roof Turbines - Screen off from inside.
<p style="text-align: center;">DOORS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Garage Entry • Garage Door • Other Outside Doors 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Install door sweep or threshold (to eliminate gap). B. Tack wooden slats or weather stripping to bottom and sides of garage door up to 24" above ground.
<p style="text-align: center;">ROOF</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overlaps • Missing Shingles • Attic Vents 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Screen off any openings with 1/4" hardware cloth. B. Fill small holes with stucco, plaster patch, or steel wool. C. Replace shingles.
<p style="text-align: center;">INSIDE PROBLEMS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stove Hood Vent • Behind Counter Openings • Under Sink Openings 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Stove Hood Vent - (screen from outside/roof only). B. Patch around water lines coming into home.
<p style="text-align: center;">AIR CONDITIONERS POOL HEATERS POOL SHEDS BLOCK WALL FENCE</p>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Vents - Screen off; plug other holes with steel or bronze wool (do not block air flow). B. Block Walls - Cap or seal. C. A/C Vents - Use hardware cloth.

Check these and other harborages such as under wooden decks, under dog houses, in hollow concrete block fences, etc. All of these should be sealed.