

At Homes and Businesses

When people alter the landscape, the balance of the ecosystem may tip in favor of pest species that thrive in human disturbed landscapes.

- Natural predators feed on rodents, thus helping to control their populations.
- When we use poisons, we can inadvertently kill wildlife and our pets.
- Always consider using alternatives to poisons.



Information

**Poison Free Malibu
Earth Friendly Management**
EarthFriendlyManagement.com

California Wildlife Center
www.CAwildlife.org

Urban Carnivores
www.UrbanCarnivores.com/poisons

Earth Island Project
www.RaptorsAreTheSolution.org

Safe Rodent Control
www.SafeRodentControl.org

Household Hazardous Waste
www.CleanLA.com



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Are You Poisoning Wildlife?



**Rodent
Control
and our
Environment**

Rodent Poisons

Each day our wildlife is in danger of being poisoned by homeowners, local businesses, and professional exterminators. The poison comes from common household pesticides, the most dangerous of which are called "Anticoagulant Rodenticides." This type of poison is easily purchased and commonly used to kill rodents.

These poisons target rats, mice, gophers and squirrels, but are also responsible for the indiscriminate deaths of hawks, owls, bobcats, coyotes, and mountain lions each year. **Domestic animals like dogs and cats are especially vulnerable to these poisons.**



Primary poisoning comes when the targeted animal consumes the rodenticide bait. Secondary poisoning occurs when a predator consumes the poisoned prey.

Remember: Poisons should always be properly disposed of as Household Hazardous Waste.

The Truth Is... There are no safe poisons!

Many non-targeted animals are affected by indiscriminate poisoning.

Malibu's Commitment

In 2013, the City adopted a resolution urging businesses in Malibu to no longer use or sell anticoagulant rodenticides, and urged all local property owners to cease purchasing or using these chemicals on their properties. The City has halted its use of anticoagulant rodenticides for maintenance of City parks and facilities.



What You Can Do

For businesses and homeowners:
Minimize elements (food, water, shelter) that are necessary for rodents to survive.

Alternative Pest Control

- Do not use anticoagulant poisons
- Use barn owl nesting boxes
- Use mechanical traps such as capture, snap or electronic

Access

- Seal all cracks and crevices that may lead into your home, garage, attic, and crawl space
- Use 1/4 inch metal mesh (not chicken wire) to seal off entry points, and steel wool for smaller holes

Prevent Rodent Issues

- Keep trash and recycling areas clean; do not overfill containers
- Secure trash cans and dumpsters from birds and rodents
- Maintain landscaping- keep a 2 foot space between bushes; remove tree limbs within 3 feet of structures; keep grass under 2 inches
- Don't feed birds or pets outdoors

NOTICE
PLEASE
DO NOT OVERFILL
THE DUMPSTER

**KEEP
DUMPSTER
LID SHUT**