

# Facts About Anticoagulant Rodenticides

## All Things Are Connected



## General Statistics

- In 2017, approx. 30,000 children under the age of 6 were poisoned by rodenticides;
- 2022-2023: In MA, of 30 Red Tail Hawks tested post-mortem, 90% tested positive for 2-4 anticoagulant rodenticides (ARs) in their system

## Impact on Children/Pets

- Increased accidental exposure due to misuse
- Made from ingredients that are enticing and tasty
- Cubes/pellets look like candy/treats

## Signs of AR Poisoning in Animals

- Bruising and/or minor wounds won't clot
- Lethargy; Slow moving
- Loss of appetite
- Children rarely show signs/Adults: bleeding from nose, gums or skin; bruising

## Why Protect Our Predators

Natural consumers of rodents are a part of Nature's check and balance system. An imbalance in the food chain will cause a trickle down effect and impact all species, including humans.

## ALTERNATIVE RODENT CONTROL OPTIONS:

- Trapping with snap traps or single entry traps;
- Patch up potential entry sites into home ( e.g.cracks in foundation, gaps under doorways, gaps around exterior pipes and vents etc.);
- Limit food and water sources (e.g. use bins to store dry goods) and don't leave food/water outdoors;
- Keep grass/plants cut and trimmed alongside buildings (ivy, for example, can be a rodent 'super highway!'); Keep compost piles away from structures;



- Use a "squirrel guard" on bird feeders to keep rodents away and clean up around the feeder periodically;
- Keep a lid on outdoor trash bins; and be mindful of overflow;
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## IF YOU MUST USE RODENTICIDES FOR RODENT CONTROL:

- USE AS A LAST RESORT;
- Only use poisons enclosed in bait stations, and follow the product label instructions. It is best to use non-anticoagulant products;
- Use the minimal amount necessary; Remember MORE IS NOT BETTER;
- Properly dispose of bait stations and keep out of reach of children and pets; Take advantage of municipal Household Hazardous Waste days, when possible, for disposal.



## IF YOU HIRE A PEST CONTROL COMPANY:

- Choose a licensed provider that uses integrated pest management approaches and avoids relying solely on poisons;
- Ask the provider for alternative poison options instead of using SGARs.

