Using Non-toxic Rodent Bait Blocks

Monitoring baiting sites is one of the most important actions. Nontoxic bait blocks are an ideal way to begin monitoring. People are likely to use them wherever they see rodent droppings, which can provide evidence of activity and travel routes. For these reasons, many pest management professionals use nontoxic bait blocks when rodent control is a part of their service offerings.

Here are 18 to consider:

1. Nontoxic bait blocks can be placed in areas where rodent baits can be discarded. These baits are not regulated as rodenticides, so they can be used in places where toxic baits may not be permitted. They can be used as an actual bait or they can be wired to fences, pipes, and other objects, or can be glued or nailed to surfaces. Because these blocks are attractive to other animals as food, secure them whenever you can to keep them from being carried away.

2. Nontoxic bait blocks are available in various sizes. Be sure to select the appropriate size. The smallest size is about 2 inches in diameter. Treat this size as an actual bait. The larger block sizes are used as monitors or as a food bait to entice rodents to the traps and also keep important people away from the traps. The largest block sizes are for general tracking.

3. Nest boxes can be used to contain dead rodents. This is a good practice. Use a non-toxic bait block as a bait in a nest box. Place the block in a nest box then check it later to see which box has the highest rate of use. The reason for this is that you should place your toxic baits in areas where you suspect rodenticide resistance. If there is a nest box in the area then you should use a non-toxic bait.