

# How to trap & kill rats at home

This quick guide is for anyone who is keen to help save NZ's native wildlife by setting and managing rat traps.



## Where should I put my rat traps?

- Set up 2-3 per back yard and place inside rat tunnels to protect kids and pets (see Predator Free NZ's link below for where to buy traps and tunnels).
- Place them on a flat surface near walls/compost or under cover. If you're not getting results, try a different spot.

## When should I check my traps?

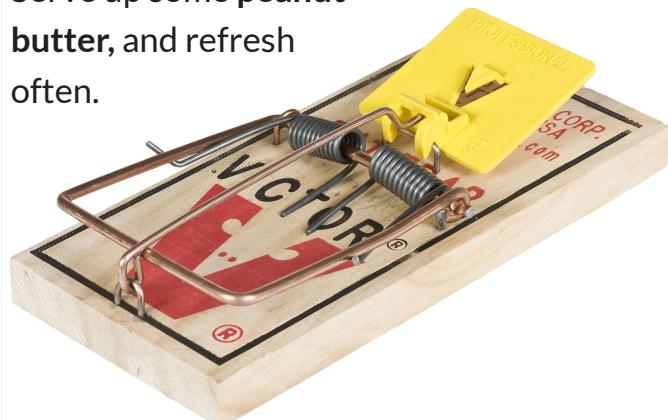
Preferably daily until you're getting results and the catch rate goes down, then check every 2-3 weeks. The more rats in the area, the more checks you'll need to do.

## What equipment will I need?

The Victor professional snapback 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.

## Lures/baits

Serve up some peanut butter, and refresh often.



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## Where should I put my rat traps?

- Set them on lines 100m apart with a trap every 50m (100m x 50m), or closer in areas with a large number of rats.
- Place traps inside rat tunnels (see Predator Free NZ's link below for where to buy traps and tunnels).
- Put a number on each trap and keep track of how many you've set, when and where.

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