Business & Commercial Locations

• Do not overfill dumpsters.
• Keep the dumpster lid closed.
• Keep the surrounding area clean and remove any spilled foodwaste off the ground
• Follow the tips in the “What You Can Do” section on reverse.

Solid Waste Management: Municipal Code Requirements

• Business must maintain container premises in sanitary condition. (Sec. 6-2.504)
• Container lids must be kept closed, except during loading and unloading. (Sec. 6-2.502)
• Commercial bins are to be leak-proof, possess tight-fitting lids, and have adequate signage describing acceptable materials and distinguishing trash, recycling and organics receptacles. (Sec. 6-2.602)

Contact Waste Management Business Services at (805) 955-4346 if containers require maintenance or replacement.

Resources

Poison Free Malibu
www.PoisonFreeMalibu.org

Urban Carnivores
www.UrbanCarnivores.com/poisons

Earth Island Project
www.RaptorsAreTheSolution.org

Safe Rodent Control
www.SafeRodentControl.org

Safe Disposal of Poisons
www.toaks.org/gogreen

Nature Neighbor (National Park Service)
https://go.usa.gov/3W5Xz

Rodent Poisons Can Kill Pets & Wildlife

More information:
www.toaks.org/IPM
or call (805) 449-2400 and ask for the GoGreen Team

City of Thousand Oaks

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Rodent Control and Our Environment
Rodent Poisons

Anticoagulant rodenticides, commonly known as rat poison are also responsible for the deaths of hawks, owls, bobcats, coyotes, mountain lions and pets 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 and leaves the bait box. They can live for up to 10 days, making the rodent easy prey for wild predators or house pets.

Secondary poisoning occurs when a predator consumes the poisoned prey.

One study showed over 88% of predators have poison in their system with some having consumed up to five different poisons.

City of Thousand Oaks Takes Action

In 2015, the City adopted a resolution to:
- Discontinue the use of anticoagulant rodenticides at City facilities.
- Urge businesses to discontinue selling or using rodenticides.
- Urge residents to discontinue purchasing and using rodenticides.

All Things Are Connected

Rodenticides are passed up the food chain including to family pets

Source: Adapted with permission from UrbanCarnivores.com, Dr. Laurel Serlles

What You Can Do

FOR BUSINESSES AND HOMEOWNERS
Minimize elements (food, water, shelter) that are necessary for rodents to survive.

1) Eliminate Access
- Seal all cracks and crevices that may lead into your home, garage, attic, and crawl spaces.
- Use 1/4 inch metal mesh (not chicken wire) to seal off entry points, and steel wool for smaller holes.
- Maintain landscaping – Keep a two foot space between bushes and remove tree limbs within three feet of roofs/structures.

2) Prevent Rodent Issues
- Keep trash and recycling areas clean; do not overfill containers.
- Secure trash cans and dumpsters from birds and rodents.
- Don’t feed birds or pets outdoors.

3) Use Alternative Pest Control (if needed)
- Install barn owl nesting boxes to encourage owls which are natural predators.
- Use mechanical traps such as capture, snap or electronic traps.
- Use a rodent exclusion company rather than an exterminator.