

How to properly dispose of a glue trap

Glue traps are a safe, non-toxic way to control insects, rodents, and household pests. They are an important tool in the professional pest control operator's toolkit, and sometimes the only practical option. Once the glue trap has done its job though, it needs to be disposed of in a timely, safe, and hygienic manner.

Whenever possible, we strongly recommend letting a professional do it! Professional pest control operators are highly trained in knowing the best type of trap to use in a situation, the ideal placement of them, how to monitor them, and of course how to dispose of them. But we understand that it is not always possible to go the professional route, so, should you be taking care of this on your own, following these steps will ensure a hygienic, safe, and humane disposal.

- 1) Protect your hands

The number one reason we need pest control is to mitigate the spread of diseases carried by insects and rodents. If there is anything trapped in the glue, make sure to wear disposable gloves when handling it. If you are handling a trap with a live rodent, thicker gloves are recommended to protect you from potential bites.

- 2) If you are using a glue trap, it should be monitored regularly, and disposed of as soon as feasibly possible after a catch in order to avoid attracting additional pests. If there is a live rodent on it, and you want to end its suffering prior to disposal, the most humane way at this point is to be quick and efficient about it. You can place the trap into a bag and give it a swift hit with something heavy. If the rodent is already dead (which generally happens within 24 hours after becoming trapped), you can simply pick up the trap, drop it in a bag along with the disposable gloves, and dispose of it in regular household garbage.

- 3) Be sure to wash your hands thoroughly with soap and water after handling a glue trap.