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Bill's Gopher Tips



Santa Cruz County has more than its fair share of Gopher problems. The damage they cause can be catastrophic and costly. Here are some of Bill's (our resident gopher expert) best tips for getting rid of these pests.

Trapping

Trapping is the most effective method of control because it is very evident how many pests have been eliminated.

Trapping tips: Make sure you find a main run. Make sure trap is settled into the bottom of the tunnel. Put body of gopher back in tunnels to prevent re-use of tunnels by others.

Poison

The poisoning method is effective when used correctly. Using poison should be done with caution if you have pets and small children.

Poison tips: Find a main runway. Use a disposable long-handled object such as a wooden spoon. Load with poison and dispense deep into runway. Use care not to cover bait with dirt when refilling hole.

Common Myths

Myth:

Flood tunnels with water.

Fact:

This only makes digging easier for the gopher.

Myth:

Chewing gum in the tunnels to gum up the insides of gophers.

Fact:

This only improves their breath, not their eating habits.

Myth:

Broken glass in the tunnels to stop digging.

Fact:

The only sure way to stop gopher activity is to remove them from the area.