

## Keep your RV Pest-Free

You don't have to share your RV with pests and vermin during your travels. With camping season beginning to take full swing, here are some products that may help you keep creepy crawlers out of your RV this year.

**Storage:** Park your RV away from grass, fields and wooded areas. These areas are known habitats for mice. Concrete, solid surfaces are best places to park RVs.

**Check for holes:** Check around and beneath the RV for holes. This is easiest to do around dusk-dark. Turn all the lights on inside the RV and check to see if there are any cracks that mice could slip through. Fill the holes with expanding foam or silicone. Steel wool is an alternative until these items can be purchased.

**Steel Wool:** Place steel wool in appliance vents and cover with tape when parking your RV for the winter or after a trip.

**Remove Garbage:** Remove garbage from your RV. Do not allow garbage to accumulate inside an RV.

**Food storage:** Keep any food that is stored in the RV in tightly sealed containers or bags. Do not store any food in an RV unless you are actively using the RV.

**Mothballs:** When storing, place mothballs inside your RV to keep rodents out.

**Peppermint oil:** Use real peppermint oil (not the extract) or a peppermint plant to get rid of mice. The scent may be pleasant to you, but mice don't find it appealing and will leave your RV.

**Fabric softener dryer sheets:** Placing fabric softener dryer sheets in the cupboards and compartments of your RV will keep mice away without the unpleasant odor of mothballs.

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