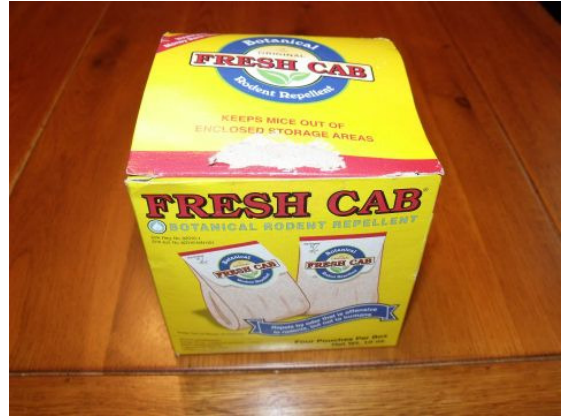


Mice & Rodent Protection

For those of you needing or wanting a way to keep mice and rodents out of your RV, in most cases, you are strictly out of luck. However, there are some products that do work for some folks, some of the time. I am going to list my experience with various products below.

One is named Fresh Cab. See the photo on the side. It can be purchased at Tractor Supply and maybe some other places. It is my understanding this product was created by a farmer's wife to prevent mice and other rodents from damaging their expensive farm tractors, especially the wiring and seats in their tractor and combine cabs during the winter off season. Some may consider it somewhat expensive. But, if it prevents damage by mice and other rodents, it is well worth the cost. It comes in a small box, 4 x 4 x 4 inches that contains four pouches. The directions state it will last up to 30 days, based on the size enclosure and air tightness of where it is placed. I have found it will last much longer in some areas where I have used it. The four pouches are actually eight double pouches stabled together and they can be separated if so desired. The price is around \$15 a box. Where we live we have always had problems with mice getting into our motorhome basement and also under the bed and dash. I used to set traps and would catch mice all the time. I use Fresh Cab for a number of years and it seemed to work, but then it quit working for me.



Before Fresh Cab I tried the plug in electrical gismos that created a sound that was above our hearing capability. Those never worked for me. There is another similar product on my market today named Pest Offense. It is supposed to create an environment in you walls where the wiring runs to keep mice and rats out of your walls. I tried it after Fresh Cab. I figure that in an RV where the wiring is not in the walls, but mainly runs in the same channels as the water lines, that it might keep the wiring and water lines protected. I put one in the basement and one in the living area. Since then I still have evidence of mice in our coach.

Someone said used Irish Spring. I sliced some bars up and put them in containers in the basement. Nope, it did not work for me. The mice and rats just toted half of it off. I believe they are using it to take showers. **See the video link on the previous page.** Someone said to use mothballs. That is my most recent experiment. However, by just placing one bag in the basement, the smell soon permeated the whole coach. I don't think we can hack it, but if it works during storage and the smell will dissipate during use, it might work. Another product is mice/rat poison itself. I put some of that in the basement and living area and have never seen any evidence that it was ever nibbled on.

For the past 21 years, the only thing that has truly eliminated any mice or rats has been traps and sticky pads. However, this does not prevent them from doing any damage. But it does catch some. For me nothing has been truly successful – so good luck out there.

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