

Protect Your Landscape



Small rodents and critters in your landscape and gardens is a normal and natural occurrence. In most cases, no control or action on your part is necessary. However when extreme damage is being done, it is important to identify the culprit in order to use the proper control.



Mole

Voles (field mice)

Animal Characteristics	Long, pointed snout, soft, thick, silver-black fur, short tail, rounded front paws which turn outward and stout claws.	Resembles a mouse but with a stouter body, a shorter hairy tail, a slightly rounder head, smaller ears and eyes
Tunnel Characteristics	Long, Linear, with side branching	Close to surface, or above ground, irregular
Benefits	Will eat many destructive insects, however beneficial earthworms are their primary diet	None
Diet, Food	Primarily earthworms, insects and grubs, they DO NOT eat plant material or roots	Roots, bark, grains
Damage	Tunnels are unsightly in lawns and gardens	Chews roots of plants and turf. Gnaws bark off base of trees and shrubs. Girdling causes plant death.
Control Using Poison	Use Bait specifically for moles. Must taste like worms, insects. Gels work better than granules.	Poison baits like D-Con are very effective
Traps	Harpoon type trap, that is triggered as they run through tunnel are the most effective.	Standard mouse trap, baited with peanut butter placed in or near burrow entrance
Repellants	Caster Oil based sprays will be effective when properly and routinely applied. Battery operated vibrator chases them to different tunnel	Not effective



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