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When the snow melted you may have found a series of small paths through the grass. Damage can be significant. While the grass was snow covered, Voles also call field mice, made surface runways. They use these trails to move around under the snow. During the months with no snow these critters get around almost unnoticed.

The meadow vole, also called meadow or field mouse, is a common problem to many homeowners in Ohio. These pests can be very destructive to ornamental plantings, including annual and perennial flowers, turf, shrubs and small trees. Voles are compact animals with stocky bodies, short legs and short tails. Their eyes are small and their ears are partially hidden.

Voles are active day and night year-round. They construct extensive tunnel systems and surface runways. Several adults and young may live in one tunnel system. Populations seem to peak every 2 to 3 years, depending on food availability, climate and other stress factors.



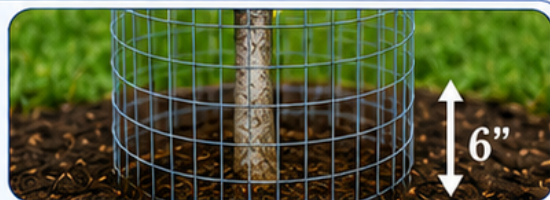
CONTROL

The best way to control voles is to take their cover away. Voles like vegetative covers or litter piles, because they provide food and cover. Elimination of these areas can help reduce populations. Keep weeds or dense brush away from shrubs and trees. Rake and clean up dead vegetation from areas where runways are seen.



BIOLOGICAL:

Tree guards of hardware, cloth or other suitable material can be used as a barrier around young trees. Since voles are excellent diggers, place the bottom of the guard 6 inches below the soil surface.



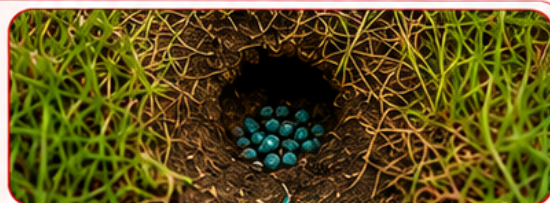
TRAPPING:

Use of snap-type mousetraps may be effective in eliminating small populations or reducing their numbers to reduce their damage. Traps should be placed with the bait side in the runway. Baits of peanut butter and oatmeal or apple slices may be effective. Live traps may also be employed.



POISON BAITS:

Pelleted baits are effective when placed in the runways or burrow openings. Always follow directions on labels and packages. Be certain to place baits in an area where children, pets, and non-targeted wildlife cannot accidentally eat the bait. Multiple feedings may be required for control.



Entrance to
underground
runway system



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