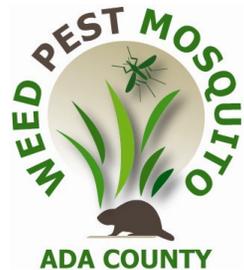




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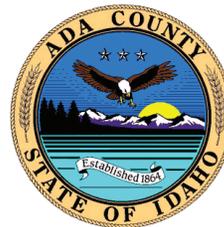
- A gopher is a burrowing rodent.
- One gopher can create several mounds in one day.
- A single gopher inhabits each tunnel system.
- Solitary Animals. (except during breeding)
- Mother gopher kicks out babies at 5 weeks.
- Life Span: 3 to 5 years
- 1 to 3 litters per year
- Burrow has a series of channels for food and offspring.
- Eats underground roots.
- Tunnels can divert irrigation water and weaken walls of canals causing flooding.
- Has fur lined external pouches. (pockets on outside of face for storing food)



Let Us Do It For You Who Qualifies:

Ada County residents who live within the Ada County Pest Extermination tax district. This district is compiled of all parcels not within city limits.

Please call our office if you have questions or need help determining if you are eligible.



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GOPHER CONTROL



An Informative Brochure
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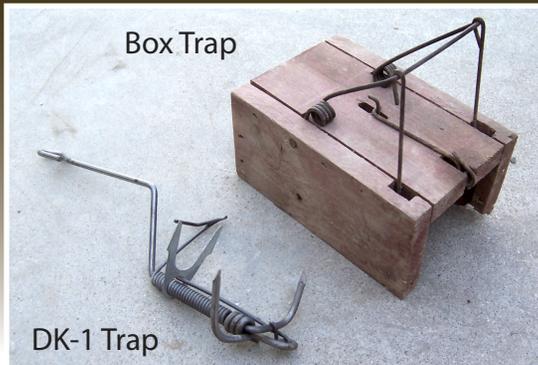
Getting Started:

Find the freshest mounds. They indicate an area of recent gopher activity. You will usually see a small circle or depression on the mound representing the plugged lateral tunnel. This plug is generally bordered on one side with soil, making the mound crescent shaped.



A horseshoe shaped gopher mound.

What You Will Need:



Gopher Traps . Gloves . Hand Shovel . WD40 . Metal or Wooden Stake . Plastic Bag

Once you locate the freshest mound, use a **hand shovel** to dig down into the hole and remove the dirt. **Do not Stick Your Hand Inside The Hole.** The gopher could bite and you may leave your scent inside the hole.

Place Your Traps:

DK-I Trap: Set the trap. Spray the trap with **WD40** to remove your scent. Place the trap down inside the main entrance.



DK-I Trap placed inside gopher hole.

If a trap is set in the evening you should have a gopher in the morning. Check traps often and reset them when necessary. If no gopher is caught within 3 days, reset the traps in a new location. (Follow directions to set DK-I traps.)

Box Trap: Locate the main tunnel, open it with your **shovel**. Once the main tunnel has been opened you are ready to place your traps. (Follow directions to set box traps.)



Place your box traps in pairs inside the tunnel facing in opposite directions. This placement will intercept a gopher coming from either end of the burrow.



Things to Remember:

- Always wire your traps to **stakes** so you don't lose track of them.
- Remove and bury dead gophers or place them in **plastic bags** in the trash.
- Do not handle dead gophers without **gloves**.
- **Don't use a hose.** Water will not kill the gopher and may cause ground to collapse.
- Traps are available for purchase at local hardware or home and garden stores.
- Classes are offered at Ada County Pest Control. If you are interested in controlling gophers on your property please call 208-577-4646 to sign up for next available class.