

Bats

Varying in size, color, and fur texture, bats are the only mammals that can fly. They eat insects, worms, and other bugs, and are nocturnal. They congregate in shaded areas: caves, under bridges, in trees, and in attics, chimneys, and crawl spaces. When in and around your home, bats can spread diseases, introduce bat mites to your environment, and cause structural damage through accumulation of their waste products. Boarding an access area is not a sustainable solution; bats can fit through very small spaces.



Gophers

Small, burrowing rodents about 15 inches in length, gophers create communities of tunnels and can disrupt commercial agriculture, garden plots, and landscaping with their underground activities.



Moles

With a hairless, pointed snout, small eyes, the absence of external ears, and large forefeet, moles burrow to form a community of underground tunnels. They feed on small invertebrates found in the soil and also a variety of nuts.



Opossums

Marsupials with long tails, opossums are commonly found in the suburbs. They eat fruits, vegetables, and flowers, and often nest in roofs



Raccoons

Varying in size, raccoons are easily identified by the area of black fur surrounding their eyes. Nocturnal creatures, they scavenge around homes and businesses for food and make their dens in chimneys, roofs and attics. They often chew through electrical wires to clear access to den sites, and can cause much structural damage, including the destruction of shingles and aluminum. Their territorial nature eliminates access area board-up as a sustainable pest control option.



Squirrels

Squirrels are small rodents varying in size from 6-12 inches in body length and often make their nests in shaded areas in and around your home or office because of readily available food and nesting provisions. Squirrels can cause significant structural damage including the shredding of roof or wall paper, vent ducts, and insulation around pipes. Squirrels also chew through electrical wires, which can lead to an increased risk of fire. Boarding up an access area is not a viable pest-control solution for these very territorial rodents.

