

Please help us keep our vehicles free of mice and other pests!

An RV vacation in Canada is the ultimate way to experience the great outdoors in comfort. As the days draw shorter and the nights get cooler, it's great to be able to snuggle up inside a nice warm RV.

Unfortunately, our Guests aren't the only ones looking for warmth. Campgrounds are an ideal environment for mice wanting to escape the cooler temperatures. They are attracted to the warmth of the engine or furnace and food around RVs and can often find a way to sneak in without being noticed. This is something which is completely outside of CanaDream's control but you can take steps to reduce the possibility of attracting mice into your RV.



**PLEASE KEEP ALL FOOD THAT IS NOT IN A BOTTLE, TIN, JAR OR OTHER SEALED CONTAINER IN
THE REFRIGRATOR!**

DON'T LEAVE DOORS OPEN. DON'T LEAVE TRASH OUTSIDE NEAR YOUR RV.

KEEP FOOD PUT AWAY

If you do find a mouse in your vehicle, please react as you would in your own home. **DO NOT** use poison.

- Purchase some mouse traps and a box of dryer sheets (Bounce or other brand) and place the dryer sheets in areas close to sources of heat.
- Use peanut butter or cheese as bait on the mouse traps. Place the mouse traps where there is evidence of the presence of mice.
- Don't place your luggage, bags or boxes on the ground before carrying them into the RV. These critters are masters at finding any way possible to enter your living space!
- Clean up all traces of food immediately after eating – mice will not stay long if there is no food source for them
- Report findings of mice to the campground office – they may be able to assist with the removal process. It is very likely other campers are experiencing the same problem
- Report any signs of mice in your RV to CanaDream as soon as possible as we will take measures to ensure the mice do not affect the next Guest to travel in the RV.

CanaDream locations all have pest control measures in place. If you find you have mice in your RV, it is likely they entered after you arrived at a campground. If you follow the above steps, these unwelcome visitors should vacate the vehicle in a short time.

We thank you for your cooperation in ensuring mice do not return with you from your RV vacation.



Be Bear Aware!

While we all like to see bears on our RV vacations, we prefer to see them from a distance. As the days draw shorter, bears and other wildlife can be attracted into campgrounds looking for 'easy' food to fatten them up before their winter hibernation.

Housekeeping around your RV becomes extremely important to ensure bears are kept a safe distance away from you and your RV, particularly if you are 'bush' camping away from an established campground.

Some helpful hints for keeping your campsite clean and bear free.

- Clean up all traces of food immediately after an outdoor BBQ. The longer the food scent hangs in the air, the more likely it will attract animals
- Don't throw food scraps on your campfire – the scent will remain if the food isn't completely burned
- Don't leave sweet treats or other food items on your picnic table, even for a short time. A bear's sense of smell is amazing
- Dispose of your garbage in bear proof bins if available or keep it stored securely inside your RV until you can dispose of it
- Don't leave insect repellent or any other scented items lying around outside the RV.

DO NOT TRY TO GET CLOSE TO BEARS TO TAKE PHOTOS!

Despite their size, they can outrun you!

Bears normally try to avoid human contact. If you do encounter a bear while camping or hiking, stay calm. If the bear walks away, walk away in a different direction. If the bear doesn't leave, do not run. Talk calmly to the bear while holding your arms out from your sides and waving them slowly up and down. Don't make eye contact with the bear but keep a close eye on it. Eventually the bear should leave. Do carry bear spray when hiking but use it only when you are threatened by the bear.

Bumping into bears while camping or hiking rarely results in conflict. Both you and the bear are likely to go your separate ways but always be **Bear Aware**.