

NOTES ON RODENTICIDES

Read the section on Orchard Voles in Part I of this guide before using rodenticide, WITH SPECIAL ATTENTION TO REDUCING HAZARDS TO NON TARGET ANIMALSs.

Registration note: For products that are registered for use under a Special Local Needs (SLN) label, the applicator must have IN THEIR POSSESSION AT THE TIME OF APPLICATION (AND THEREAFTER) a copy of the SLN label. Check with your state Extension specialist, pesticide dealer, or state pesticide regulatory agency.

Ramik Brown, Ramik Green (diphacinone): (0.005% in weather-resistant bait). Currently, Ramik Brown has an SLN label **in Connecticut and Massachusetts only** through 2007. Two post-harvest broadcast applications of 10 lbs/acre each are allowed at 20-40 days apart. See SLN label for precautions and information about bait station use.

Zinc phosphide pellets, or bait formulations – many brand names (2% zinc phosphide in pellet form or on oats or cracked corn): Available in all New England states. Apply 2–3 lbs./A by hand baiting holes or in bait stations. Use 6–10 lbs./A for broadcast bait applications. Hand baiting in stations is preferable to reduce hazard to non-target wildlife. If broadcasting, pellet or oats forms are preferable (vs. corn) for the same reason. Depending on severity of infestation, repeat application may be needed. Distribute bait after apple harvest, but before leaf fall, and during a period of dry weather.