I have a vertebrate pest problem?

Is it causing a severe problem?  
No → Continue monitoring

Yes →

Is the animal on your property?  
No →

Yes →

Is the vertebrate a federally-protected species? See #1. below

Yes → Contact USFW & your state wildlife agency see #1. and #2. below

No →

State regulatory status—see #2 below

Protected or regulated →

Unprotected →

Contact your state wildlife agency (see #2 below) regarding regulatory status and to obtain a permit.

Pesticides or Devices (traps)

Pesticides →

Wildlife permit from your state wildlife agency should be enough.

Pesticide applicator license required see #3 below

Devices →

Most states allow property owners to control unprotected and some regulated wildlife on their land, using legal methods without a permit. For example, most states would permit labeled use of over-the-counter pesticides, such as ignitable gas cartridges, to control woodchucks on their property.