

Homemade Roach Bait Recipe

Dear Heloise: I would like to obtain the recipe for making roach bait that includes boric acid as part of the ingredients. Your help in this matter is greatly appreciated. — Linda Uptain, Euless, Texas

Dear Reader: I'd be glad to repeat this decades-old formula since warmer weather is here and soon those pests will be as well! Here is one of the original "recipes" that was printed in my mother's column over 36 years ago.

Roach bait

1/4 cup solid shortening or bacon drippings

1/8 cup sugar

8 ounces powdered boric acid

1/2 cup flour

1/2 of a small onion, chopped (optional)

Water

First cream together the shortening and sugar in a bowl. In another

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bowl, mix the boric acid, flour and chopped onion (if using). Add this to the shortening mixture and blend. Now add just enough water to form a soft dough.

Shape the soft dough into small balls and place several in small, cheap plastic bags (leave bags open so the dough won't dry out so quickly).

Place the bags of roach bait around the house, especially in the areas where you have the most problems.

As the roach bait gets hard, replace it with a new batch.

Caution: Keep this mixture out of the reach of children and pets; ingested in large-enough quantities it can be harmful. — Heloise



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