

# BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

## 5-Step Process to Trap a Gopher

Why are gophers hard to manage? Because their burrows are complex and underground. This is why traps are part of an effective Integrated Pest Management program.

### Here is what you need:

- gloves
- chain or wire to secure trap
- probe & shovel
- something to cover the hole, like plywood
- gopher traps
- something to mark the hole, like a flag

1. Find fresh gopher mound, use probe to determine where tunnel is located

2. Dig hole and uncover tunnel

3. Set trap, place, secure, and cover

4. Mark traps and wait

5. Check traps and dispose of trapped gophers

*Gopher management with traps, baits, and fumigants can all fail because the burrow is being blocked or old.*

Burrow system-200 to 2,000 square feet

Lateral Runways

Main Runway

Nesting Area

Main Runway

Food Storage

Drainage Tunnel

Latrine

