Integrated Pest Management (IPM): Baits and Traps

Necessary for baits and traps to be effective:

1. Stop all food sources
   a. Clean dishes right after use
   b. Clean stove top
   c. Keep all leftovers in sealed plastic containers
   d. Use trash bags inside a garbage can with a lid
   e. Only eat in kitchen to contain food sources
2. Stop all water sources
   a. Stop any pipe leaks
3. Stop entry points
   a. Seal all gaps and cracks with copper wool and silicone caulk
   b. A mouse only needs a hole as big as a dime to get in
4. Stop pest housing
   a. Keep all stored belongings in sealed plastic tubs
   b. Do not use cardboard boxes for storage
   c. Do not store items near moist or damp areas
   d. Get rid of stored belongings on bulk day if possible

Directions for laying baits and traps:

1. Use baits and traps. Do not use bombs or sprays, which are dangerous and do not work. Roach baits should have a “birth-control” feature.
2. Follow manufacturer’s guidelines.
3. Place traps in high moisture and high food areas like kitchen, bathroom, and basement. Put traps anywhere you have seen pests.
4. Set all traps. This means around 40 roach baits and around 12 mouse traps.
5. Use peanut butter for mouse traps.
6. Replace baits when recommended (after around three months).
7. Wash hands well after laying traps.
8. **Do not allow kids or pets to touch any traps.**
9. Check traps regularly.

Remember: You will have pests as long as you provide them with food, water, and shelter. More poisons will not help.