The size and dimensions on this bait box are approximate. The purpose of the box is to protect the poison from children and animals as well as protection from the weather. Poison is placed in the middle compartment of the box only and preferrably in a small container such as a tuna fish or cat food can that is tacked into the box to prevent spillage. Smearing small amounts of peanut butter at the four (4), openings seems to help attract rats faster. Always make sure that the box is secured.