

Things You Should Know About Bats

Although bats provide a very important role in our environment (a single bat can eat up to 3,000 insects, including mosquitoes, in one night), they can also be dangerous if they roost in buildings or come into contact with people. It's a myth that bats in Canada fly in your hair or suck your blood, but there are many other problems they can cause.



Health Risks

Bats are one of the most common carriers of rabies, which if left untreated, can lead to serious health problems or even death. Symptoms can take up to six months to occur, after which it is too late to treat. Many health departments in Ontario recommend rabies treatments if exposed to a bat.

FACT: Bats can bite you when you're sleeping or if you attempt to catch them.

If inhaled, bat droppings can cause histoplasmosis, which is characterized by flu-like symptoms. The very young, very old and those with impaired immune systems are at greatest risk for severe illness.

FACT: A bat can produce several times its own weight in waste each month.

Property Damage

Bats commonly reside in building walls, attics or between the roof and the ceiling. Droppings and dead bats can cause severe odour and contamination of property and heating/AC systems.

FACT: Bat colonies can range in size from one to several hundred.

The longer a bat stays in a building, the greater the chances of breeding and infiltrating smaller spaces. Proper removal and cleanup may eventually involve ripping out drywall, sheathing and flooring.

FACT: Bat colonies double in size every year. Bats in Ontario tend to hibernate or go back to the same property every year unless they are removed and excluded properly. They do not typically fly south for the winter and tend to roost and hibernate in places with a moderate temperature (i.e. buildings).

How to Find Them

If a bat is flying around inside your house or business, there's a good chance there are more living in the attic, walls or roof. They typically sleep in tight corners and underneath insulation, so detection can be very difficult.

FACT: A bat can fit through a hole the size of a dime.

How to Remove Them

Simply closing holes doesn't work. They will often find another way out (and back in again) and if they die in your house or business, they will cause odour and damage.

FACT: The most effective method is to remove all the bats and completely seal the entire building from further entry.

Killing or capturing a couple of them likely won't solve the problem, since more are living in the attic, walls or roof.

FACT: Bats hibernate when temperatures dip below 10°C (e.g. September to April) and young bats may be left to die if a parent is killed. They typically feed on a 24-48 hour cycle - removing the active bats may mean you're only catching half the colony.



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Services Provided by Humane Wildlife Control

Location & Assessment

- Our trained technicians will locate all of the potential bat entry points and describe or show them to you.
- We will then locate where the bats are colonizing and determine the stage in the breeding cycle. If there are immobile babies, we will return when they are mature enough to fly. This is both humane and practical, since the babies won't be left to die and you won't be left with hard to remove dead bats in your walls or attic!

Effective Removal

- If a bat is flying around your living or work space, our wildlife technicians will humanely remove the bat and advise the customer to contact the Public Health Department. They will determine whether or not to test the bat for rabies and if the homeowner or employees require rabies shots.
- Our technicians will install a special one-way door on all the entry and exit points. This allows the bats to leave but not re-enter.
- We may also recommend a service to clean up any bat droppings.

Guaranteed Exclusion

- Our wildlife technicians will seal all the potential openings in your building with screening or clear silicone caulking.

**All materials used to exclude bats
are of the highest quality and are
guaranteed for at least three years.**

Why the Humane Approach is Better

Our wildlife technicians are specially trained to remove live bats and prevent any premature deaths. This is also a practical and economical approach. Killing bats and the use of pesticides for bat control is illegal. Removing or killing breeding bats leaves the babies to die in your building, attracting parasites and causing further health risks. Having to remove bat carcasses is a time consuming, costly and unnecessary process. Our focus on prevention and education makes us a leader in the wildlife control industry.



Bat Exiting Building



Bat Droppings



**Brown Bat Removed
from Building**



**Brown Bat Pair
Caught in House**



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