

Bats - Typical First Strikes - Wear all the proper protective clothing.

- Inspect where they are entering/leaving. Seal off all of those areas with bird netting and split shot.
- Install bright lights or, better yet, a strobe light, a fan and good ventilation and a loud radio and/or one-way bat doors,nets or cones.
- Install netting with 1/4" holes or lightweight 1/6" - 1/4" polypropylene mesh or a sheet of heavyweight plastic over the openings and install chimney caps. (Note: Whatever you hang, netting, mesh or plastic, it should hang at least 2' below and to the sides of each entry point. It should be propped open so there is a 1" to 2" space between the entry point and the material. This allows the bats to freely leave, but prevents them from re-entering. Leave the material in place for at least several days before permanently sealing the openings.)
- Use fans to ventilate the infested area. Leave lights and a radio on 24 hours a day.
- Try using dog and cat repellents and/or hang long strips of aluminum foil from the rafters, or place several helium filled mylar balloons in the roost at various heights.
- Remove all guano and urine and clean with 1 - 2 oz. Safe Solutions Enzyme Cleaner with Peppermint* and 1 c. borax per 1 gal. hot water. Call the county public health authorities and ask how to clean up and dispose of these materials **before** you begin.
- Still have problems? Read the rest of the chapter.

Once control has been reached: Exclusion is the safe solution!

- Caulk or repair with mesh wire or wood sealers all known entry areas including any potential areas, e.g., all cracks, crevices, holes and other openings the size of a dime or larger into the building.
- Keep all previously infested areas well lit, well ventilated, cool and screened/sealed off.
- Continue to monitor at night. Continue to listen for scratching sounds coming from walls or ceilings in the morning and late afternoon.
- Check out the web site at <http://www.batcon.org>.
- **Always check state and local laws regarding any bat control and/or cleanup procedure before you start!**

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