

BAT-PROOFING TECHNIQUES

The Clinton County Bat-Proofing Techniques

Unnecessary killing of bats is not environmentally sound, humane or a permanent solution to the problem. Using chemicals or pesticides creates a risk of long-term toxic exposure to humans and causes sick or dying bats to be grounded in the community, further increasing the chance of contact with people and pets

How to Bat-Proof?

Bats should be kept out of places with a high risk of bat contact with humans or pets (for example, schools, hospitals, prisons, homes) by closing or covering openings that allow entry to the roost (see figure below). To find these openings, watch bats enter or leave the building at dusk or just before dawn. To 'bat-proof,' use polypropylene bird netting, fly screening, sheet metal, wood or various caulking compounds, keeping in mind that house bats can pass through crevices as thin as a pencil. Before bat-proofing, make sure there are no bats already in the roost.

When to Bat-Proof?

The best time to bat-proof is late fall through winter when bats are hibernating in caves, or at night when bats are away from the roost (before mid-June or after mid-August). All openings except one or two major exits may be closed in advance, and the last openings sealed while the animals are away.

What Services Are Available?

Rabies Testing
Information Packets
Phone Assistance

How Much Does it Cost?

All services are free to Clinton County residents

Contact Us

NOTE: All animal bites need to be reported, no matter how minor.
To receive more information, call or visit us at:

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