

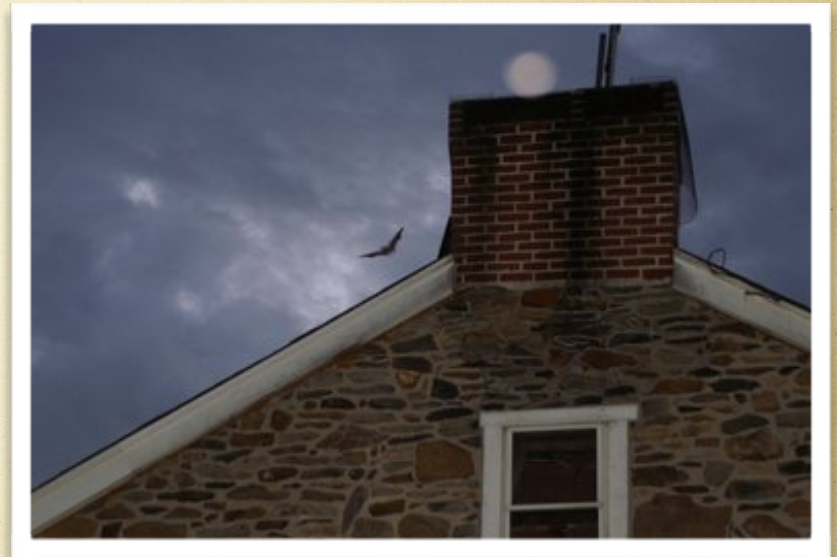


Do You Recognize The **7** Early Warning Signs
Of A Bat Infestation?

➤ Today we will cover the **7 early warning signs of a bat infestation** so that you can prevent extensive damage to your home and secure it from further intruders.

1. Bats taking flight around your home.

- Look up in evening summer months near your roof for bat movement.
- If you have no bats outside during summer months, chances are you have none on the inside.
- In winter bats hibernate so all bat indicators will usually be in the exterior.



2. Paint chipping away on attic vents.

- Examine your soffit and gable vents for damage.
- Purchase screen covers to prevent bat entry.
- Before putting up any screen, ensure all bats have left attic.



3. Holes the size of a finger with dirt like substance.

- Look for dark holes anywhere on the exterior. Common areas are near fireplaces, between brick and siding and near roof lines. Because bats often leave grease residue and hair, it's easy to identify the hole if one is found.



4. Noises such as scratching, crawling, squeaking.

- This is often the most common overlooked sign. The reason? Its due to the similarity between mice and bats when it comes to noises. Mice chew, scatter and chew between wall's. The problem is bats do the same thing.
- We assume bats will just be roosting from the rafters when we peek up in our attic. But the reality is bats burrow into the insulation looking for warmth in the cooler months. The further they work down the closer they get to the location a mouse would be.
- If you hear scratching in the wall or small screeching noises, don't assume its a mouse, get a professional bat removal inspector out that can assist in either bat or rodent removal.



5. Bat guano droppings on top of insulation.

- This is the easiest way to conclude you have a bat infestation. Simply looking up in your attic.
- Since bats usually huddle in one or two areas, walk around looking for small piles of bat dropping.
- If you have a large amount or a small amount spread throughout the insulation it may need an attic restoration. Attic Restoration ensures safety and eliminate health concerns caused by bat guano such as Histoplasmosis.
- The process is simply removing your insulation and laying new insulation down. Often your homeowner insurance may cover the cost. Contact a licensed Bat Removal company that can assist you in the insurance process.



6. Random bat flying around in your home.

- So you found a bat flying around your home and through several screams and random flying brooms you successfully got it out. Yet you're left wondering how it got in.
- Well 95% of the time it came through your attic, into your wall and flew out into the basement. Or gained entry through the attic access hole. Bats look for warmth and will slip through spots smaller than a #2 pencil.
- Getting a random bat out more than likely did not solve the issue. A majority of the time at Bat Removal and Prevention we get calls from customers who are baffled a bat keeps getting in.



7. A strong smell of ammonia.

- Due to the location of bats and their desire to find warmth in cooler months, you may notice a strong ammonia scent near the walls.
- You may even start to notice a discoloring on the drywall and ceilings.
- At the end of the day, it is best to be proactive in bat removal. They reproduce at an alarming rate. Bat Removal inspections are considerably cheaper compared to other home site inspections or home appliance call fee's.





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