

**How do I get bats out of my home?**

Putting up a bat house will not lure a bat colony out of a house, there are a few steps toward successfully evicting a colony. The first step toward evicting a bat colony is to inspect the inside of the house for small openings through which bats could enter. All openings connecting the attic or other roosting areas to inside living areas should be sealed, although entry places on the outside of the house should be left open, allowing bats to exit. Entry places should be covered with a plastic mesh or netting that will allow the bats to exit by crawling under the mesh, but not re-enter the house. You should not evict bats during the months of June, July, or August, because there could be many younger bats that have not developed their flight ability. They are dependent on their mothers for food and will starve if the mothers are not able to return with food. Also, remember that you will want to put up a bat house nearby several weeks before the planned eviction.