

Recommendations to follow when bats are found in human-occupied areas of the home

CAUTION: Bats can carry the rabies virus, which is a deadly disease for human beings and animals.

First verify the risk of contact

Potential contact

Inform the person that he must immediately contact the appropriate resource

Anyone in the same room:

Contact Info-Santé 811.

Important note: if a child was present in the room, assume that there is a risk of contact.

Pets:

Contact a veterinarian.

Absence of contact

Fall night temperatures above 0°C:

If healthy, immediately release the bat outdoors

Night temperatures below 0°C:

Contact the nearest winter refuge for bats.

Injured bat or absence of a nearby refuge

Contact the nearest wildlife protection office and take the bat there, bearing in mind safety precautions to avoid contact: Québec.ca/coordonneesfaune

To obtain additional information

Call customer service:
1-877-346-6763

Visit the website



batwatch.ca



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Guide to safe removal of bats from buildings



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Bats play a significant ecological role as a natural insect control. Unfortunately, they have become increasingly rare since the appearance of a devastating fungal infection in 2010. Bat maternity colonies, which are sometimes located in people's homes, are essential for the species' survival.

Preserving the maternity colonies or resorting to methods that safely exclude bats by intervening at the right time of the year, is an invaluable gesture to protect bats.

How to manage bats based on the time of year

Bats in human-occupied areas of a building (November to late April)

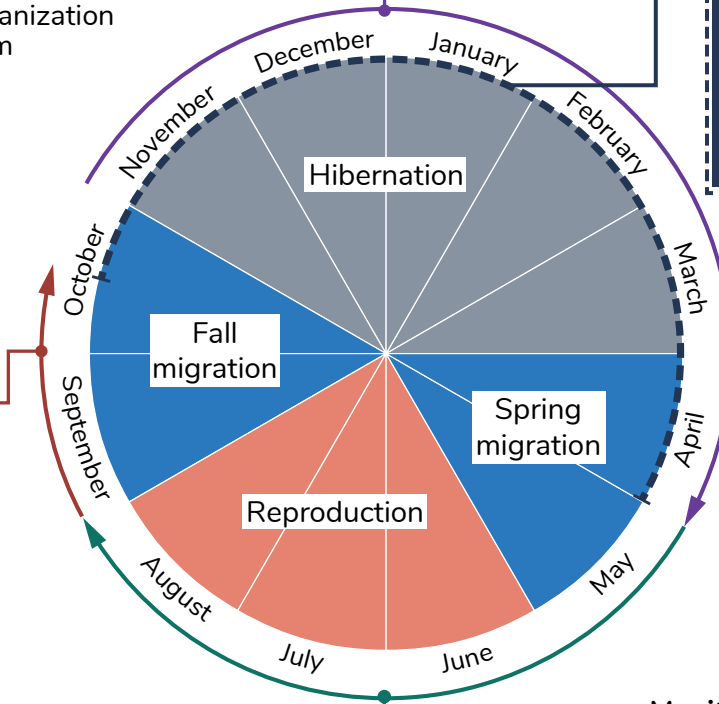
- Safely capture the bat(s) and contact a winter refuge or an organization that can take care of them

Close all entrances (mid-October to late April)

- You can close all entrances two weeks after installing the one-way door.
- During the winter, it is possible to completely close all entrances if you are certain all bats have left.

Block access (September to mid-October)

- Block secondary entrances
- Install a one-way door at the main entrances



Monitoring and counting (May to late August)

- Find and monitor the entrances and count the bats that emerge

List of winter refuges or organizations that can take care of bats

The Montérégie, Centre-du-Québec, Montréal, and Laval regions
 Granby Zoo
 450-372-9113, ext. 2176

Mauricie, Laurentides, and Lanaudière regions
 Centre de réhabilitation de la faune
 Cécropia
 819-852-3266

Capitale-Nationale and Chaudière-Appalaches regions
 Centre d'aide pour les animaux sauvages SOS Miss Dolittle
 418-561-2484

Estrie region
 Appalachian Corridor
 450-297-1145, ext. 226

