

BAT EVICTION TIMING



Bat removal: There are two common methods for managing a bat colony – eviction and exclusion. These methods are referenced in the table below and must be understood when considering bat removal.

An **eviction** happens when there is an active colony within a structure. A one-way door is installed to allow bats to leave the structure, but they are not able to re-enter the roost.

An **exclusion** happens when a colony is not currently within the structure (for example, when the bats have left to overwinter elsewhere). This is not the same as when bats simply leave in the evening, because typically the entire colony does not go out on a given night. In an exclusion, a barrier is installed to keep bats out, possibly by retrofitting the building and/or sealing entry points.

| General Life Cycle of Hibernating Bats | Hibernation | | Spring emergence and pregnancy | | Pups born | Nursing | Pups able to fly | Mating | Hibernation | | |
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| | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov |
| Maternity Roost or Day Roost | Exclusion Possible Check to be certain bats aren't in the roost. | | Eviction Possible Bats will have returned from hibernation. Pregnancy is in early stages. | | No Eviction Females are in late stages of pregnancy or pups are newborn. An eviction would leave females with no place to give birth or pups would be trapped inside. | | | Eviction Possible Pups can fly; evicted bats will likely be able to find a new roost or are returning to hibernation sites. | | Exclusion Possible Check to be certain bats aren't in the roost. | |
| Over-wintering in a building | No Eviction Bats are in the roost and would not survive outside temperatures. | | Eviction Possible Bats are in the roost, but temperatures are warming up. | | No Eviction Females are in late stages of pregnancy or pups are newborn. An eviction would leave females with no place to give birth or pups would be trapped inside. | | | Eviction Possible Pups can fly. Bats will likely be able to find a new roost. | | No Eviction Bats will not have time to find an alternative over-wintering site. They will likely attempt to re-enter the structure or freeze on exterior walls. | |