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EXPOSURE / HANDLING OF BATS: Individuals should not handle bats with their bare hands because of possible exposure to rabies. If they have not already done so, local health department (LHD) infectious diseases staff should interview individuals who have handled bats. See fact sheet URLs below.

HOW TO COLLECT A BAT: If there's any question about contact between a bat and people or pets, save the bat for testing. For example, a sleeping person awakens to find a bat in the bedroom. Put on leather work gloves – do not touch the bat directly with bare skin. Find a small container like a box or a large can, and a piece of cardboard large enough to cover the opening in the container. Punch small air holes in the cardboard. When the bat lands, approach it slowly and place the container over it. Slide the cardboard under the container to trap the bat inside; tape the cardboard to the container and secure the bat inside. Contact your local health department or animal control department for further instructions to have the bat tested for rabies. (If you are absolutely CERTAIN there's been no direct contact between the bat and any people or pets, carefully hold the cardboard over the container and take the bat outdoors and release it away from people and pets.)

EXCLUSION OF BATS FROM A BUILDING: Bats must be excluded from buildings to avoid additional incidents of exposure to bats and the accumulation of bat droppings indoors; this can be a difficult project. The work must be done by private contractors or other experienced private personnel, see info below. Please note that bats are protected by Department of Natural Resources and they cannot be harmed without a permit; see fact sheet URLs below. Please contact DNR about wildlife regulations: **Ms. Jenny Skufca, 217-557-8243 [jenny.skufca@illinois.gov]**.

CLEANUP OF BAT DROPPINGS: Bat droppings can harbor the fungus that causes histoplasmosis, a serious lung disease. Cleanup of accumulations of bat droppings must be done properly to avoid disease risk to personnel doing the cleanup and others. See fact sheet URLs below.

IDPH Bat exclusion - <http://www.idph.state.il.us/envhealth/pcbats.htm>

Example of bat exclusion specialist* - <http://www.unitedbatcontrol.com/>

**Provided for example only, not an endorsement.*

Additional Wildlife Removal Contractors > University of Illinois Extension "Living with Wildlife" Wildlife Web Page – <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/wildlife/professionals.cfm>

Cleanup of bird and bat feces - <http://www.idph.state.il.us/public/hb/hbb&bdrp.htm>

IDPH Rabies - <http://www.idph.state.il.us/health/infect/reportdis/rabies.htm>

CDC Bats and rabies – <http://www.cdc.gov/rabies/bats/>

USGS Bat exclusion - <http://www.npwrc.usgs.gov/resource/mammals/housebat/index.htm>

University of Nebraska Animal Damage Control Manual - <http://icwdm.org/handbook/index.asp#rod>

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Bat Exclusion Contractors (provided by Dept. of Natural Resources)

The following nuisance wildlife control operators specialize in resolving problems caused by bats. However, all Class A (commercial) permit holders (see Nuisance Wildlife Control Operators above) are authorized to provide these services in accordance with state and federal laws.

A All Animal Control of Rockford Illinois

Jeff Gorham

(815) 742-5532

Humane Certified Professional, Certified Marksman, Certified Bird B Gone Installer, Certified Bat Excluder, Member: NWCOA, IWCOA, BCI, FTA

A-Action Pest Control, Inc.

Adam Ring

(847) 838-5680

Provides bat exclusion services in Lake and McHenry counties.

ABC Humane Wildlife Control & Prevention Inc.

Vito Brancato

(847) 870-7175

Arlington Heights, IL, Members of the National Wildlife Control Operators Association (NWCOA), National Pest Management Association (NPMA) and the Greater Chicago Pest Management Alliance (GCPMA).

ACE – Critter Gitters / Pest Control

(319) 323-5138 or 1-800-252-7709

Service in Illinois and Iowa

Art Albee

(815) 857-3989

Services Lee, LaSalle, Bureau, Whiteside, Ogle, Carroll, and DeKalb Counties.

Backwoods Supply – Nuisance Wildlife Control Service

Ron & Judy Scheller

(217) 999-3123 or 1-800-683-1832 PIN 0175

Mt. Olive, Illinois

Christman Wildlife Control

Bill Christman

(309) 762-5287, www.christmanswildlife.com, Certified by NWCOA, IWCOA Pres, DNR licensed IA & IL, Deer Damage Mgmt. Certified, member of BCI, BBB, QC Chamber

Critter Control

1-800-451-6544

Offices in Peoria, Chicago, and St. Louis

Swegle Creek Wildlife Nuisance Control

Vernon Crum

(309) 337-5987

Tri State Bat Specialist

Jason Rekemeyer

(319) 652-4501

Service in Iowa and NW Illinois

United Bat Control

1-888-840-2690

Offices in Chicago, St. Louis, Iowa and Indiana

[Visit website](#)

When Nature Calls Pest Control, INC.

Gerrod Walker

(815) 601-7378

Member of BBB, Angie's List, NWCOA, NPMA, BCI, FTA, IWCOA, Certified Bat Excluder For Bat Removal Servicing Northern IL and Southern WI

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