

THE HOMEOWNER'S GUIDE ON HOW WILDLIFE GET INTO A HOME



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BATS

ENTRY POINTS



GABLE VENTS

ROOF VENTS



ROOF SOFFIT INTERSECTION



DRIP EDGE FASCIA



RIDGE VENTS



BRICK SOFFIT GAP



Home owners with a bat colony in their attic usually discover it from the months of May until September. In and around early June they start having babies and by early August the babies are ready to fly out on their own.

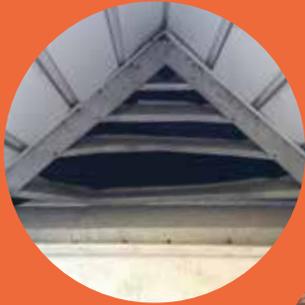
In Canada there are strict laws in effect for the protection of bats and so removing them from a home can only be done at certain times of the year. We can evict from Spring until the start of the maternity season in June. June and July is a blackout period which allows the babies to mature. Starting in August until the end of Fall we can resume bat evictions.

It is against the law to remove bats outside of those specific times, so it's important to hire a wildlife removal company that abides by the law and knows how perform the job within the constraints of the law.

Disclaimer: lawful eviction seasons may differ due to varying climate and geographical locations.

MICE

ENTRY POINTS



GABLE VENTS

WEeping
BRICK



BRICK SOFFIT GAP

CHIMNEY



GARAGE DOOR
WEATHER STRIP



HYDRO
ELECTRICAL
LINES



Mice find refuge in our homes throughout the year but become more aggressive in their search for warm quarters during the winter.

Mice usually have 3 to 5 litters per year with anywhere from 5 to 9 babies per litter. Mice can exponentially multiply in their numbers only after a few months if their presence is left unchecked.

They're able to get into a home through the tiniest holes and once inside a home can go unnoticed for months and years. Without an experienced eye, homeowners tend to find out about a mouse infestation after it's too late.

The costs of preventing a home from mouse entries is far less expensive than repairing and cleaning a home after a mouse infestation.

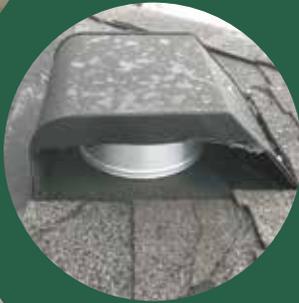
RACCOONS

ENTRY POINTS



GABLE VENTS

ROOF VENTS



ROOF SOFFIT INTERSECTION



RIDGE VENTS



SHINGLES & EAVESTROUGHS



CHIMNEY



Raccoons are vigilant when it comes to finding a warm place to build their nest and have their babies. Raccoon babies (kits) are usually born in the spring (mid march) and that's the time home owners usually discover them because of the high pitched 'chirping' noises they make.

Prior to raccoons having their babies, home owners can hear them thumping around their attics or walls. Much of the time home owners ignore these sounds and only address them when it's too late.

Raccoons that are left unchecked in a home owner's attic will wreak havoc and because of their size, the holes they create to get into a home provide easy access for other types of wildlife to get in, like squirrels, mice, birds and bats. Raccoons can also contaminate your attic with their urine and feces. 80% of all raccoons can carry round-worm which can be transmitted to humans.

SQUIRRELS

ENTRY POINTS



GABLE VENTS

ROOF VENTS



ROOF SOFFIT INTERSECTION



WALL VENTS



SHINGLES & EAVESTROUGHS



CHIMNEY



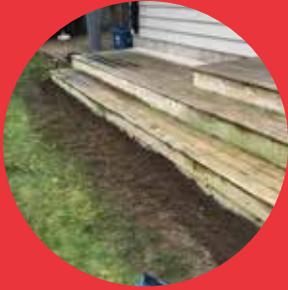
Squirrels have extremely strong teeth and can chew their way into a home from various locations. They usually enter a home for a few reasons including to create a nest to have babies, and to store their food.

Squirrels have no problems breaking into a home and are merciless when it comes to the damage they cause. They chew through electrical wires, supporting beams and other wood support. They bring in debris from the outside world, damage attic insulation, and urinate/defecate everywhere.

A squirrel entry hole is usually big enough to let other animals get into the attic - animals like raccoons and smaller creatures like mice, bats and birds.

SKUNKS

ENTRY POINTS



UNDER PORCHES
& DECKS



SHEDS



UNDER HOUSES



Skunks are rarely found in a home but that doesn't make them any less of a risk to your family or pets. They're usually found under home owners' decks, in garages, fallen into window-wells or burrowed under sheds in the backyard.

The problem most owners have with skunks is that if they are encountered they can spray, especially if you have children or pets. Skunks do not climb houses and they do not chew their way into a home but they still can be quite a nuisance.

If a skunk has made a home under your deck, shed, or under your home's foundation, the objective is to disrupt them, and prevent them from being able to dig through these areas in the future.

BIRDS

ENTRY POINTS



GABLE VENTS



CHIMNEY



SHINGLES
& EAVESTROUGHS



WALL VENTS



It's rare that a colony of birds will be found in a home but if they are left unchecked for prolonged periods of time, they will multiply. Most of the time home owners either find a bird has entered their home through an wall vent or that a mother has built a comfortable nest to raise her family.

When a home owner is dealing with one bird, the problem is usually solved by removing it alone, but problems arise when there are baby chicks to deal with. In such cases certain procedures have to be put in place before the bird and her chicks are removed.

Like other species of wildlife, birds can carry and spread germs, bacteria, ticks and mites. If they are left unchecked for prolonged periods of time they can cause a substantial amount of damage and contamination to a home, and even put your family in danger for risk of contracting a disease.

SNAKES

ENTRY POINTS



BRICK SOFFIT GAP



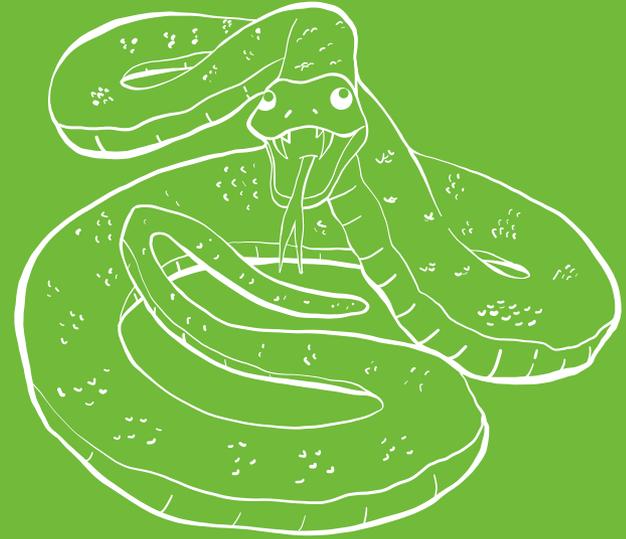
WEEPING BRICK



GARAGE DOOR
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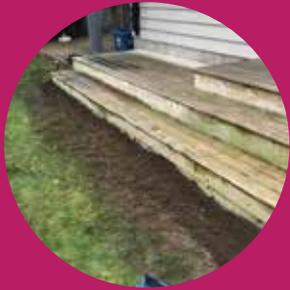


In Canada most snakes are harmless, and they're commonly found in homes but when they do decide to enter a home it's quite easy for them to get inside - especially if your house is not properly protected.

Snakes virtually never enter a home to find a place to have neolates (baby snakes). 99% of the time a snake enters a home out of sheer curiosity or in search of food in the form of insects or small rodents.

If your home has an infestation of mice, the mice holes become easy access points for snakes but because of their small size combined with the age of your home, much of the time snakes can easily find their way into a home unless it is thoroughly protected.

OPOSSUMS



UNDER PORCHES
& DECKS



SHEDS



UNDER HOUSES



Opossums treat your property in the same way as skunks do but they're much less harmless. They too will burrow their way under a home owner's deck, shed, or house foundation and will use the area to have babies and raise their young.

Opossums are not too keen about living close to humans, cats, or dogs so they're rarely seen. But if they feel they've found a warm and secure place to nest they can become a nuisance and cause enough damage to your property to make them a concern.

NOW YOU KNOW!

When You Hear Noises in Your Walls or Attic This Spring

Call Your Local Wildlife Removal Company

