



# RELOCATING BATS WITHOUT CAUSING THEM HARM

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# Have some bats taken up residence with you?

## Be gentle – don't hurt them!

*Bats are rarely present for more than 3 months and do not cause any harm to homes. Nonetheless, make sure they are separated from your living area. If it is necessary to evict them, there are efficient ways of doing it without having to resort to exterminate them.*

### Choose the right moment to act!

It is possible to relocate bats in April, or from the end of September to the end of October.

#### 1) Observation (from May to August):

- Observe the building at dusk from outside to find where bats enter and leave.

#### 2) Elimination of access to the house (in September):

- Progressively block the openings and access points bigger than 2 cm with caulking, screens, etc.
- Leave one or two access points open and cover them with a screen fixed on three sides. Do not attach the base of the screen so the last bats can get out, but they will not be able to re-enter.

#### 3) The eviction (in October):

- Completely block the last openings at the end of October.

**Installation of an alternative shelter (a bat house) will let you keep the bats in your yard and will contribute to their conservation.**

**It is forbidden to harm, poison, smoke out, or to kill bats.**



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