

Do you have distressed or dead bats in your yard?



Follow the guide below to ensure you, your family and pets stay safe and healthy when cleaning up your yard

Before you go outside

Wear protective clothing



Tools



NEVER pick up or touch a bat without protective clothing or tools

Cleaning your yard

Gently prod any bats on the ground with shovel or tongs to check if that bat is alive or dead. Look for movement and listen for noise.

Live bat

DO NOT touch the bat

Call WIRES on 6778 4994 or Northern Tablelands Wildlife Carers on 1800 008 290

Dead bat

NEVER use your hands to pick up a dead bat

Wear protective clothing and use shovel/tongs to put dead bats in lined bin

Tie off the bag and put it in your red lid bin



Top Tips

- Use a strong rubbish bag to prevent it tearing.
- Do not overfill rubbish bags.
- Once full, tie off any bags and leave them in a container for transportation, in case the bag splits.
- Take care to disinfect and thoroughly clean all equipment afterwards and wash clothing in separate hot water wash.

Health and Safety

- The risk of contracting disease is very low especially when following the safety instructions in this guide.
- Take care not to accidentally scratch yourself from sharp body parts of the deceased animal.
- If bitten or scratched, wash the area immediately with water and soap for 5 minutes. Avoid scrubbing the wound.
- If available, apply antiseptic cream. Go straight to the hospital.
- As when handling any dead animal there is the possibility of bacterial infections if the appropriate safety measures are not taken. Take care to avoid the deceased animal's bodily fluids.
- If any bodily fluid gets in your eyes, nose, mouth or broken skin, flush the area with water. Go straight to the hospital.
- For more information please visit our website at www.armidaleregional.nsw.gov.au/living-here/animals-and-pets/flying-foxes

Questions or concerns

WIRES: 6778 4994

Northern Tablelands Wildlife Carers: 1800 008 290

Office of Environment & Heritage Enviro-line: 131 555



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