

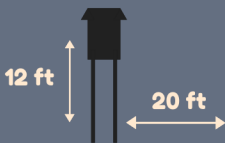
Bat House Installation & Care Tips



Paint the house a medium to dark shade of exterior-grade, water-based paint or stain to absorb extra heat.

If you are excluding bats from a house or other structure, avoid doing so during the summer and install your bat house **2-6 weeks before eviction.**

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Install at least 12 ft above the ground and at least 20 ft from trees and other obstacles.

Install on buildings or sturdy poles, but **not trees**. If possible, install multiple types of bat houses in different locations to provide the best habitat.



Install in a location that receives at least 6 hours of sunlight and is protected weather. Be sure bat houses have vents to prevent overheating.





Did you know?

The work doesn't end once you put up your bat box.

Regular maintenance like re-caulking, removing unwanted guests (wasps love bat houses!), and checking for holes is important to keeping your bats healthy and happy!



Why aren't bats using your bat house?

We still don't fully understand all the roosting needs of bats, so the first year of installation can be about learning what your bats need.

If your bat box isn't being used after one or two summers, try some of these suggestions:

- change location
- change paint color
- add additional bat house types
- plant night-blooming flowers
- place near water, or add a water source near your bat house

Don't get discouraged! It can take time for bats to find and need new bat houses.



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