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What New Jersey Nuisance Trappers Need To Know

Welcome to the New Jersey Wildlife Damage Control Association's newsletter. The nuisance industry in New Jersey is changing on a weekly basis. Every month we spend several hours going over possible changes, some are good, some are not so good.

The most important thing we all need to do as soon as possible is to fill out the depredation control permit application. I know some of us have moaned and groaned about these, saying we do not want anyone looking over our backs. The new application is a one time deal.

There are groups in this state that still believe that animals like moles, flying squirrels, and chipmunks are not nuisance animals. If we all fill out our application the numbers will show that they are a problem and to some of us they are a big part of our livelihood. If all goes well these and other questionable animals will fall under the nuisance category and this will all be history.

We all must work together and do some things that are a nuisance. Almost all our governing laws will be made by people that have no idea what we do on a daily basis. John Nesti has offered to assist anyone that needs help filling out the applications.

Nuisance Animals

That You Do
NOT Need A
Depredation
Permit For:

Squirrel

Raccoon

Opossum

Skunk

Weasel

Woodchuck

Grey Fox

Red Fox

Coyote

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"Did You Know?"

The world's largest raccoon weighed 75 pounds! This was a domesticated raccoon with a major sweet tooth. Sadly, he passed away two years ago in Palmerton, PA.

Our Mission Statement

It will be the policy of the New Jersey Wildlife Damage Control Association to enhance, promote and protect a sensible and scientific approach to wildlife damage management.

We Will...

- Promote sound conservation, legislation and administrative procedures
- Build and encourage a commitment to wise use and proper management, lethal and non-lethal, of the wildlife resources and natural resources
- Support only those animal control programs that are biologically and economically justified

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Two New Time Saving Bat Exclusion Tools

The pro Bat Cone is a new time saving bat exclusion device invented by Jim Dreisacker who owns and operates Westchester Wildlife. The Bat Cone is a humane, one way door for bats to leave the structure and NOT return. The Bat Cone is currently produced in two models.

First, the Standard Bat Cone, which is one piece and made of lightweight, yet durable plastic. It is a tapered funnel 5.75 inches long with a 1.5 inch opening at the end. At the end you would attach to the structure there is a rigid plastic flange which is 6 inches by 6 inches. As with both of the Bat Cone models the flange can be cut or bent to the angle of the structure for anchoring. The optimal position for the Bat Cone once it is installed is a slight downward slope. Bats cannot grip the inside of the bat cone and once they exit, they cannot re-enter.

It is sometimes necessary to add copper mesh underneath the Bat Cone to take up the space between the bat cone and the structure. The only opening you want the bats to exit is through the Bat Cone. To limit the exit point for the bats you may also need to apply a closed cell foam such as Todal Foam, or caulk on each side of the opening.

Secondly, the ProCone is the latest bat cone model that has been developed. The ProCone is a two piece bat cone with the flexible vinyl flange being separate from the tapered plastic cone. The ProCone measures approximately 6 inches in length with a 1.5 inch opening on one end. The vinyl flange measures 7 inches by 7 inches, making it versatile for mounting to structures, including dissimilar structures (i.e., stone chimney up against clapboard siding). Please note that both models of the bat cone are not reusable. The ProCone can be screwed, stapled or taped into position over a bats entry/exit point. Optimal positioning would be a slight downward slope to the tapered cone.

Bat Exclusion Tips

Once a Bat Cone is mounted over a bats entry/exit point in a structure it should be left in place a reasonable amount of time to allow the bats to exit the structure. This time period will vary, however 5-7 days is typically sufficient according to Bat Conservation International. Leaving a bat cone in place longer periods is not detrimental. Please Note; It may be necessary to use more than one Bat Cone to exclude bats from a structure. All entry/exit points on a structure must be identified and a bat cone installed to successfully exclude the bats. Failure to follow this procedure may result in merely moving the bats to another part of the building.

Once it has been determined that the bats have been successfully excluded, it is necessary to remove each of the installed bat cones and permanently seal the exit openings using hardware cloth or copper mesh inserted into the hole and then completely sealed with closed foam or silicone caulk.

The Bat Cone or ProCone are both time saving devices for exclusion and eliminate the need to fabricate something onsite. The bat cone looks professional when mounted and will leave your customer with an impression of confidence in your ability to solve their bat problem.
