

Date: _____

Dear Bat Conservation International,

_____, located at:
Company Name

Address Line 1

Address Line 2

City State Zip

Business Phone Fax

Email Website URL

is committed to humane exclusion methods that protect both bats and people. We hereby agree to abide by Bat Conservation International's (BCI) Exclusion Guidelines.

We agree that:

1. We will be licensed, as required, by our state.
2. We will provide property owners with a guarantee and list of references. All written materials will be accurate and scare tactics will be avoided.
3. We will use the preferred, one-way devices constructed from light weight polypropylene netting (<1/6" mesh), plastic sheeting, or tube-type excluders for evicting bats from buildings. Excluders will be placed at all active entry points and remain in place for at least 5 to 7 days. These devices will be removed after the bats have been excluded, and then exclusion points will be sealed with silicone caulking, caulk backing rod, hardware cloth, or heavy duty polypropylene mesh. We understand that in some cases, sealing may require repair or replacement of old, deteriorated wood. (Note that BCI strongly recommends that exclusion professionals bat-proof the entire building and avoid spot treatments. Moving bats from one corner of a building to another does not solve the problem and may require that further exclusion work is carried out at some time in the future, further disturbing the bats and the property owner).
4. We know simply waiting until the bats have flown out at night and then permanently sealing entrances shut without the use of exclusion devices is not approved by BCI. This method often traps some bats inside the building.
5. We understand that BCI also discourages the use of "permanent netting" in most situations.
6. We know that aerosol dog and cat repellents may discourage bat use of a particular roosting spot for periods of up to several months and have been used effectively to prevent bats from night-roosting above porches. If used, the spray will be applied by day when bats are not present. Aerosol repellents are not an adequate substitute for exclusion in the case of day roosts and will never be applied when bats are in a roost. To discourage bats at night roosts, we also may use Mylar balloons or strips of tin foil that are hung from roosting areas and allowed to move in the breeze.
7. We acknowledge that maternity season for bats in the US and Canada can range from mid-April through 31 August, although pups have been seen as early as late April in some instances. We agree that eviction of bats, or any activity that directly affects their roosting area, will occur only prior to or after the maternity season, when young will not be trapped inside, creating additional problems.

8. We understand that some bats hibernate in buildings during the winter months and that winter exclusions should be performed only if it can be determined that no bats are hibernating in the building. If bats are present during the winter months, exclusions should be postponed until spring temperatures are warm enough for deciduous plants to leaf out and insects to again be abundant.
9. We acknowledge that ultrasonic devices, chemical repellents, and smoke are not approved by BCI as effective methods to evict bats from buildings. In addition, canned spray foam is not an approved sealant for cracks and holes in most situations. It is not only unattractive, but can result in the death of bats that come into contact with it. This product should never be used when bats are still present.
10. We understand that traps and relocation are not BCI approved exclusion techniques. While removing large numbers of bats from a building may seem impressive to a customer, it is unlikely to be effective. Traps can be fatal to bats if left unattended or if overcrowding occurs. Bats have excellent homing instincts making relocation attempts unlikely to succeed. They will simply attempt to return to the original capture area upon release. Capturing bats at an exclusion site is not encouraged, although capturing a single bat to remove it from a living space is an exception to this rule.
11. We understand that installation of bat houses can offer a vital alternative roost for excluded bats, and that it is best if bat houses are installed in advance of exclusions.
12. We will provide BCI membership and bat house information to our customers to further encourage conservation of bats and their habitats.
13. We will maintain adequate insurance, and provide proof of insurance to BCI.
14. We understand that customers may post reviews about our company on the BCI Website.

Sincerely,

Signature Date

(PRINTED NAME AND TITLE HERE)

PHONE: _____

Please ***print this letter on your letterhead*** and submit it to Bat Conservation International, Attn: Bats in Buildings, PO Box 162603, Austin, TX 78716.