

State of Wisconsin
Department of Natural Resources
Bureau of Natural Heritage Conservation
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Broad Incidental Take Permit/Authorization for Cave Bats - Health Exemption Request

Form 2300-330 (R 09/23)

Notice: Pursuant to s. 29.604(6m, 6r), Wis. Stats., this required information is used to allow for the incidental taking of state listed cave bats in Wisconsin that may occur as a result of bat exclusions for human health and safety reasons during the non-exclusion period, June 1 - Aug. 15. This request must be completed and submitted within 5 working days from the start of exclusion of bats from buildings on your property. Failure to do so may result in a fine and/or imprisonment or forfeiture under the provisions of applicable laws including s. 29.604(5), Wis. Stats. Personal information collected will be used for administrative purposes and may be provided to requesters to the extent required by Wisconsin's Public Records Law (ss. 19.31-19.39, Wis. Stats.).

General Information

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) listed four species of bats as state-threatened in 2011 because of the impending disease white-nose syndrome. These species included the two most likely found roosting in buildings: little brown bat (*Myotis lucifugus*) and big brown bat (*Eptesicus fuscus*). To protect bats in Wisconsin while also allowing continued management of bats in buildings, the WDNR created a Broad Incidental Take Permit and Authorization (Broad ITP/A; <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/erreview/itbats.html>). Bat exclusion activities completed from August 16 through May 31 are covered under this Broad ITP/A and require no special permit. Exclusion activities conducted from June 1 through August 15 are not covered under this Broad ITP/A unless there is a human health and safety issue. If you as the landowner feel the bats roosting on your premises pose a health or safety risk to you, you may conduct the exclusion, but you must complete the following form and submit it to the WDNR within 5 working days of start of exclusion.

Exclusion is defined as the act of allowing bats to leave the roost structure but not reenter. This activity is covered under the Health Exemption section of the Broad ITP/A. Physically removing the colony of bats is not included in the definition of exclusion and is not covered under the Broad ITP/A. Exclusion activities that cause intentional take (killing) of bats, such as but are not limited to sticky traps or sealing entry/exit points while bats are inside the roost, are illegal and will incur fines under Endangered Species Law (s. 29.604, Wis. Stats. <http://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/statutes/statutes/29/IX/604>).

The non-exclusion period (June 1 - Aug 15) is put in place so flightless pups born in early June do not get separated from their mothers who would be excluded. Exclusions conducted during this time often cause more trouble than simply waiting until pups are able to fly. Not only will the exclusion result in dead pups, but frantic mothers attempting to get back to their young often find their way into living spaces.

Landowner Information

The landowner is legally responsible for actions occurring on their property as a result of following this Broad ITP/A.

Last Name	First Name	MI	Phone number (incl. area code)	
Address				
E-mail	City		State	ZIP Code

Location of Exclusion

Date of Exclusion:	Address of Exclusion:			
City			State	ZIP Code

Pest Control Operator hired:

Reason for health exemption:

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Certification

I hereby certify that the information provided on this application is true and accurate. I certify that I will conduct the incidental take in compliance with all the conditions of the Broad Incidental Take Permit and Broad Incidental Take Authorization for the Wisconsin Cave Bats Conservation Plan. I understand that a failure to comply with any or all of the provisions of the permit(s), or a failure to submit this form within 5 working days of the start of exclusion when a human health or safety issue is involved during the non-exclusion period, may result in permit revocation and a fine and/or imprisonment or forfeiture under the provisions of applicable laws.

Landowner Signature

Date Signed

Note: If submitting this request by email, please type your name on the signature line and the date signed.

Contacts for questions about:

Bats? WDNR Bat Program at: DNRbats@wisconsin.gov

Incidental Take? DNRRERreview@wisconsin.gov