

DO YOU HAVE DISTRESSED OR DEAD BATS IN YOUR YARD?

Over the next few days the Lockyer Valley is expecting an extreme heat wave. It is possible that high numbers of bats will become heat stressed and drop from the trees. 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

DEAD BAT

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



NEVER use your hands to pick up a dead bat

Tie off the bag and put it in your wheelie bin **OR** take it to Gatton landfill

Address: Fords Road, Gatton

Open: 8am-5pm Monday-Saturday
9am-5pm Sunday and Public Holidays
Closed on Good Friday and Christmas Day

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 & 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.
- Further information is available on the Biosecurity Queensland website www.daf.qld.gov.au/biosecurity and the Queensland Health website <https://www.health.qld.gov.au/>

QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS

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