

BAT DROPPINGS

Fruit bats are found in most parts of Australia. They are a protected species but can become a nuisance not only for their noise but also for their droppings. Being that their main diet is fruit and nectar, their droppings contain high acidic levels that damage acrylic coatings on sports courts and recreational areas unless removed early.

Normally black in colour and the size up to a 50 cent coin, the bat droppings will adhere to the coatings extremely well. As it dries, the bat droppings will shrink and curl up damaging the coatings with it. In severe cases they will also delaminate the asphalt base to a depth of 3-6mm.

Solution: Once identified, bat droppings should be immediately removed by mechanically scrapping them off or by water blasting. All damaged areas should be cleaned, patched and touched up with Laykold Advantage Colour Coat.

There is no evidence that humans can catch the Australian Bat Lyssavirus or the Hendra Virus from contact with bat droppings. However care should always be taken when removing bat droppings off your sports court or recreational areas by using gloves with proper handling and disposal.

