



## Cleaning Tips



*Bird feces corrodes metal post*

**To increase the success of any bird control product installation, a thorough cleanup and disinfecting of bird droppings and debris should be done.** Pigeons are by far the most prevalent pest bird in urban settings. Pigeons can now be found just about everywhere, and unfortunately, so can their droppings. A well-fed bird can easily create 25 pounds of droppings annually. This debris can carry any of 60 transmittable diseases, including histoplasmosis, cryptococcosis and psittacosis. What's more, pigeon droppings are not only unsightly, but their acids can eat into metal, plastic, wood and even stone. Over time, this can deface and damage buildings, vehicles, trees, shrubs, lawns, benches and park fountains.

### Did you know?

**A heavy buildup of bird droppings is best left to the professional cleaning company with experience in removing hazardous waste.**

### Harmful Dusts

Inhalation of dried pigeon droppings can allow harmful bacteria and gases to enter the body, causing respiratory issues and sickness. When maintenance, construction and cleaning crews are deployed to clean pigeon droppings, it's important to provide proper PPE to protect them from potential contamination of pest bird droppings.

### 6 Tips to Successfully Cleanup Bird Droppings

- 1. Wet droppings before you scrape them up.** Cleaning dry bird droppings can be extremely hazardous; the dry feces can be inhaled by the person cleaning them up. Bird droppings can carry any of 60 transmittable diseases, always dampen dried bird droppings before cleaning.
- 2. Physically scrape up bird droppings and dispose in a double bag.** Once the droppings have been thoroughly soaked, scrape them into a double strength plastic bag. Wet droppings can get heavy, you do not want the bags to break leaving a mess and health hazard in route to disposal.
- 3. Use Waste Digester to loosen hard to get areas.** There will undoubtedly be areas that are caked with droppings that are hard to reach. Soften and loosen them up with Waste Digester, a biochemical live enzyme that breaks down the bird droppings.
- 4. Inspect the area for damage and make necessary repairs.** Bird droppings are acidic and can quickly eat away at building materials. It is ideal to make all of the repairs before you install permanent bird control devices.
- 5. Pressure wash, then disinfect.** After scrapping away the bulk of the bird droppings, do a good power wash and then disinfect the area to eliminate any residual odor and bacteria.
- 6. How clean does it need to be?** This depends on the building and what is housed in it. A hospital, medical building or food processing plant will most likely have stricter guidelines than a warehouse or airplane hangar. Be sure to check with the building owner on safety enforcements for the building you are cleaning.



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### 3M 6000 Series Half-Face Respirator

This half-face reusable respirator offers reliable and convenient respiratory protection against airborne particulates as well as a wide variety of gases and vapors according to NIOSH approvals. The 3M 6000 Series protects cleaning crews when removing bird droppings, nesting materials and debris. Combined with other PPE, this respirator protects crews from unnecessary contamination and inhalation of dried bird feces. The mask also prevents dust and other particles and debris from being inhaled. The respirator uses two filters that can be easily changed as needed. Available in two sizes: medium and large.



### Microcide SQ Disinfectant

Ideal for cleaning, disinfecting, and deodorizing surfaces soiled with bird droppings, Microcide SQ is a broad-spectrum hospital-grade, EPA approved disinfectant that is effective against 108 different disease-causing viruses, bacteria, yeast and mold. USDA approved for food and non-food contact surfaces, Microcide SQ is safe for sanitizing and disinfecting all inanimate surfaces. It's sold as a concentrate in two 8 oz. bottles that mix to make 12 gallons of disinfectant (6 gallons per 8 oz. bottle). Each 8 oz. bottle of concentrate comes with a spray bottle and nozzle. Microcide SQ can clean and disinfect any commercial or residential surface soiled with bird droppings, including rooftops, ledges, windowsills and near HVAC units. Simply spray the liquid directly to soiled surfaces and let soak in for 10 minutes.



### Waste Digester



Ideal for cleaning, digesting, and deodorizing accumulations of bird droppings, Waste Digester uses live biochemical enzymes to break down large accumulations of droppings that have become hardened over time. Sold by the gallon, the formula is safe, non-toxic and USDA approved. Highly versatile, Waste Digester can be used on any commercial or residential surface where bird droppings have accumulated including rooftops, ledges, window sills, I-beams/girders and near HVAC units. Simply apply the liquid directly to soiled surfaces and let soak for 15 minutes.

### CAUTION

Be sure to check local and state regulations on where and how to dispose of bird droppings. In some jurisdictions they can be considered a hazardous material and will need to be disposed of as such.



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