

Building needs to be demolished, select one option:

Conduct bat inspection

- Any time of year with preferred timing April 1 – Oct 31
- Structures that need to be acquired
 - Conduct during appraisal walkthrough or once acquired.
- WisDOT- owned structures
 - Conduct during environmental document preparation.

OR

Assume bat presence (no inspection)

- Implement all required avoidance/minimization/ mitigation measures from **USFWS consultation**.
- If project is within 1 mile of a WDNR NHI bat occurrence record, also apply **WDNR time of year restrictions**.
- If building will be inspected later, add environmental document commitment.

Interpret inspection results:

If no bats or evidence of bat presence are found:

- There are no WDNR or USFWS bat restrictions or requirements for the structure.
- Note **inspection validity timeline**.

If unidentified bats and/or evidence of bat presence are found:

- Assume state/federal protected bats
- Implement required avoidance/minimization/mitigation measures from **USFWS consultation**.
- Also apply **WDNR time of year restrictions**.

If bats are found and species is identified:

- If determined to be a federally protected bat, implement required avoidance/minimization measures from **USFWS consultation**.
 - If not, there are no USFWS bat restrictions or requirements for the structure.
- If determined to be a state protected bat, apply **WDNR time of year restrictions**.
 - If not, there are no WDNR bat restrictions for the structure.
- Note **inspection validity timeline**.

Additional notes:

Inspection validity timeline

WDNR: 1 year **USFWS:** 2 years

USFWS consultation

- Expectations vary based on whether action is federal or non-federal and proximity to bat occurrence records.
- Many federal actions require structure demo during bat inactive season (Nov 1 – March 31) and may require establishment of a new suitable roosting site (e.g., similar building or bat house).

WDNR time of year restrictions

These restrictions may be superseded by more restrictive USFWS avoidance/minimization measures.

November 1 – March 15: Demo allowed without bat exclusion.

March 16 – May 31: Exclude bats 7 days prior to demo.

June 1 – August 15: No demo may occur.

August 16 – October 31: Exclude bats 7 days prior to demo.