

# Bird Droppings

## Unhealthy, Unsightly & Unnecessary!



### Nasty!

When left undisturbed, bird droppings can destroy nearly any building material. Wood, stone, sheet metal and steel are all susceptible to the acidic and bacterial ridden mess.

Nixalite offers a full line of disinfectants, bactericides and deodorizers to help you clean contaminated surfaces safely. Call for more information.

*Histoplasma capsulatum* grows in material contaminated with bird droppings.



**Stop the mess before it starts.** Nixalite offers a variety of humane and field proven bird control systems to stop the bird problem before it becomes a destructive mess. Here are a few of our bird control systems:

- Nixalite® Premium Bird Barrier Spikes
- E-Spike & Pigeon Spike Bird Deterrent Spikes
- K-Net HT, B-Net and PollyNet Bird Netting
- Netting Hardware & Netting Accessories
- FliteLine Post & Wire Bird Deterrent System
- Bird Fogging Systems
- Safe, Non-toxic Bird & Animal Repellents
- Surface Cleaning and Sanitizing Products

### Birds: Two Points of View

Normally, birds are a pleasant and necessary member of the wildlife community. However, when they congregate in large numbers their droppings can quickly become a serious problem.

### Bad for Property

Bird droppings can deteriorate almost any building material. Wood, masonry and steel are all susceptible. If allowed to accumulate, bird droppings can damage roofs, clog gutters, discolor paint, corrode I-beams, ruin cloth awnings and short-out electrical equipment.

### Hazardous To Your Health

The real danger is to your health. Bird droppings often contain hazardous diseases and parasites. Entomologist research has turned up more than 60 transmittable diseases and dangerous parasitic organisms.

### Three common pest birds

Pigeons, sparrows and starlings are the source of most bird control and bird waste problems. The behavior of these birds can create conditions that can promote the growth of harmful organisms.

### Inhalation and Ingestion

The two most common methods of contracting diseases found in droppings.

**Inhalation** occurs when dried droppings are disturbed, creating airborne dust that can be inhaled. **Histoplasmosis** is a well documented respiratory disease that can be transmitted through inhalation.

**Ingestion** occurs when eating or drinking foods that have come into contact with bird related micro-organisms. **Toxoplasmosis** and **Query Fever** are diseases that can be transmitted by ingestion.

### Protect yourself

- Wear a minimum of eye and respiratory protection, disposable gloves and clothing. Use a strong disinfectant to clean all surfaces.
- Heavy accumulations can present a serious health threat. Contact a waste removal professional for safe removal and disposal.

### Install A Quality Bird Control

To avoid the whole mess, install a reliable bird control system such as Nixalite Bird Control Strips or Nixalite Bird Netting.

**More than 60 transmittable diseases have been found in bird droppings. The table below lists some of the more common strains and the bird that is often the carrier.**

Diseases	Pigeon	Starling	Sparrow
Fowl Typhoid	X		
Infectious Coryza	X		
Paratyphoid	X	X	X
Salmonellosis	X	X	X
Streptococosis	X		
Tuberculosis	X		X
Aspergillosis	X		
Blastomycosis	X	X	
Cryptococcosis	X		
Histoplasmosis	X	X	
Trypanosomiasis	X		
Toxoplasmosis	X	X	X

  

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Trichomoniasis	X		X
Chlamydiosis	X	X	X
Q Fever	X	X	
Encephalitis	X	X	X
Meningitis	X		
Newcastle Disease	X	X	X
Pox	X	X	X
Taeniasis	X	X	X
Dispharynxiasis	X	X	X
Eyeworm	X		
Schistosomiasis	X	X	X
Acariasis	X	X	X

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