

Bird Diseases

Urban Birds

- Fouling is unsightly, so it may damage a company's image
- Fouling damages buildings directly through chemical action
- Fouling can block gutters, this can lead to very costly water damage
- Sometimes their fouling will eventually mean that redecoration is necessary
- Fouling presents a slip hazard, which can lead to accidents and possible compensation claims
- Fouling is an ideal medium for the development of insect and mite pests
- Dried droppings when airborne can be hazardous to human health
- Bird fouling / contamination can lead to prosecution under the Food Safety Act 1990 and other Acts
- Birds can damage stored food, by pecking or by fouling with excrement or feathers

Birds may carry disease organisms / allergens, which they can pass on to humans:

- Campylobacter Ornithosis Psittacosis Salmonellosis
- Chlamydiosis Cryptococcosis Erysipelas
- Escherichia Coli Extrinsic Allergic Alveolitis
- There are up to 26 species of insects and mites found in bird nests and breeding areas