

Activity:
Safe Bird Feeders

You can prevent disease problems at your feeder.

Give them space.

Avoid crowding by providing ample feeder space.

Clean up wastes.

Keep the feeder area clean of waste food and droppings.



Keep feeders clean.

Clean and disinfect feeders regularly. Use one part liquid chlorine household bleach in nine parts tepid water to disinfect. Make enough solution to immerse an empty, cleaned feeder completely for two to three minutes. Allow to air dry. Once or twice a month should do, but weekly cleaning could help more if you notice sick birds at your feeders.

Use good food.

Discard food that smells musty, is wet, looks moldy or has fungus growing on it. Disinfect any storage container that holds spoiled food and the contaminated scoop used to fill feeders.

