



## CLEANING YOUR BIRD FEEDER

Keeping your feeders clean is a very important part of bird feeding. Bacteria and disease are spread through bird droppings on feeders, as well as from seed and hulls below the feeder. Damp feed and debris can cultivate a fungus.

We recommend disinfecting your feeders once a month in winter and more often in hot and humid weather. Our Bird Feeder Brush (BFB) makes cleaning easy. **Do not use harsh chemicals.**

- 1) Once a month, let the birds empty the feeder as far as they can. Shake out any remaining seeds and chaff. Wash in a 50/50 solution of hot water and white vinegar, rinse thoroughly, and refill when completely dry. At least once a year, remove all the hardware and clean thoroughly.
- 2) Throw out any wet or moldy food and disinfect any containers or scoops used to handle it. If you notice that the seed in the feeder is not being eaten, check to see if it has become moldy or wet from rain.
- 3) Rake, shovel, or shop vac seed debris from beneath feeders on a regular basis to prevent the growth of mold and bacteria and to deter rodents.
- 4) Overcrowding at feeders is a key factor in spreading disease. Provide additional feeders to counteract this effect.

## BIRD SEED STORAGE

Store seed in a cool, dry place in a sealed container that rodents cannot enter. Mice can spread some bird diseases without being affected themselves.

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