

STOP PIGEONS!



Follow our simple tips for preventing pigeons from roosting / nesting on your balcony and railings:

- Use your balcony – if your balcony is used daily, pigeons are unlikely to want to roost there;
- When you see a pigeon, scare it, by banging on the window/door, or spraying it with water, the more you disturb them, the less likely they are to want to use your balcony;
- Pigeons dislike strong smells sprinkle strong smelling spices around your balcony, such as black pepper, chilli or cinnamon. Remember to top, up regularly;
- Remove any signs of nesting material (twigs, leaves or litter) as soon as it appears and spray the area with a strong bleach solution;
- Install deterrent wires, using weatherproof string or wire, across the top of balcony railings to prevent pigeons landing/roosting. Position the string about an inch above the surface of your balcony railings and make sure its taut. You can do this safely yourself or employ a professional;
- Hang old CD's or bird scarers (see image, which can be purchased online for under £5) on your balcony, the glare effects the pigeon's sight and deters them from roosting.



Warning - We do not recommend that residents install bird netting to their balconies, as installing the netting can be dangerous (due to the risk of falling from your balcony) and there is the potential for the netting to catch fire, if someone drops smoking materials from a higher floor.



Please contact our call centre on **020 8379 1000**, if you currently have a pigeon infestation, nesting birds or heavy fouling on your balcony and we can arrange for the nest to be removed by our pest control team and the area cleaned.



Pigeons and their waste can cause respiratory infections in humans, so it is important that you maintain and clean your balcony on a regular basis, in accordance with your tenancy/ lease agreement.