

## CASE STUDY

### Bird Netting Keeps Barn Swallows Out of Dialysis Center!

Barn swallows were creating a problem for a dialysis clinic in Palestine, Texas. The swallows had been nesting and roosting in an entry awning and carport where patients arrive and depart. The birds were not only creating a mess and a health hazard with their nests and droppings, but some swallows were “dive bombing” patients as they arrived and departed the facility.

**Issues to be addressed:** Prevent barn swallows from becoming a growing problem through the use of specially designed exclusionary bird netting. The facility had tried various solutions from different vendors. They even tried painting the ceiling blue. None of these efforts proved successful.

**Challenges to overcome:** Barn Swallows are protected by the Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1918, which makes it illegal to intentionally capture, kill or disrupt any migratory bird or the nests and eggs of such birds. A humane deterrent approach was the only solution. What’s more, the product had to be installed quickly on a weekend during the facility’s least busy times.

**Product Installed:** *Heavy Duty Bird Netting.*

**Solution:** Bird•B•Gone’s® ¾-inch Bird Netting was installed by Raven Services using Bird•B•Gone® installation hardware—cables, turnbuckles, anchors, etc. The netting covering over 900 square feet was installed on Saturday and Sunday to minimally impact the facility’s operations. Raven Services noted that Bird•B•Gone’s® install video had been helpful.

**Result:** The humane, effective bird deterrent kept the barn swallows from nesting under the facility’s entry awning and carport. No more barn swallows. No more swallow-related health hazards for patients, families and staff. Raven Services plans to use Bird•B•Gone® netting for future installs.



*Raven Services installs Heavy Duty Bird Netting to exclude swallows from area.*



*Virtually invisible once installed, bird netting keeps swallows from returning to the area.*



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