

Hibernation – Not Just for Bears: Putting your house museum “to bed” for the season

Historic New England White Papers

Topics for house museums include winterizing, environmental conditions, weatherization, ice dams, arborcare, drainage and many more.

<http://www.historicnewengland.org/preservation/preserving-historic-sites/property-care-white-papers>>

Cleaning Supplies used by Historic New England

Miele Vacuum with rheostat, HEPA filter, horsehair floor brush, and attachments

Statically charged dusting cloth – washable and reusable: DustBunny or Cape Cod Cloth <<http://www.gaylord.com/Preservation/Conservation-Supplies/Cleaning-Supplies/Dust-Bunny-Dust-Cloth/p/DB18A>>

Soft, natural-bristle brush with taped ferrule <<http://www.gaylord.com/Preservation/Conservation-Tools-%26-Equipment/Hand-Tools/5-Shaft-Bamboo-Hake-Brush/p/BH5>>

Long-handled duster with washable cover <https://smile.amazon.com/dp/B00940DV3K/ref=twister_B00UI9FINM?encoding=UTF8>

Nylon mesh screen with twill tape edges Purchase nylon mesh screen at a hardware store and sew a cotton twill tape edging on to bind the sharp edges

Gloves, white cotton <<http://www.gaylord.com/Preservation/Book-%26-Pamphlet-Preservation/Repair-Tools-%26-Supplies/Other-Tools-%26-Supplies/Cotton-Gloves-%2812-Pairs%29/p/HYB00483>>

Gloves, nitrile <<http://www.gaylord.com/Preservation/Book-%26-Pamphlet-Preservation/Repair-Tools-%26-Supplies/Other-Tools-%26-Supplies/Microflex%26%23174%3B-XCEED%26%23174%3B-3-mil-Nitrile-Gloves-%28250-Pack%29/p/HYB00488>>

Water Absorbent Mats, Socks, and other products

Mats: <<https://www.newpig.com/pig-absorbent-mat-pad-in-dispenser-box/p/MAT240?searchTerm=mat>>

Socks: <<https://www.newpig.com/pig-super-absorbent-sock/p/PIG210?searchTerm=pig+sock>>

Deep Cleaning Products used by Historic New England

For painted wood surfaces, floors, and walls:

SimpleGreen – 1 Tablespoon per gallon of water

For glass windows and objects:

8 parts water, 1 part vinegar, 1 part ethanol

For ceramic objects:

Triton XL 80N – 1/2 Tablespoon per gallon of water

MUST BE RINSED

For plexi-glass UV window covers or exhibition case bonnets:

Brilliance® Brand

For greasy or sooty dirt:

Odorless Mineral Spirits (Naphtha)

Other Sources for Collections Information:

For information on identifying and treating museum pests: <www.museumpests.net>

Historic New England's Non-Toxic Pest Treatment Information <<http://www.historicnewengland.org/Plone/collections-archives-exhibitions/conservation/insect-infestation-fumigation-treatment-chamber>>

National Park Service Conserv-O-Grams <https://www.nps.gov/museum/publications/conservoogram/cons_toc.html>

Canadian Conservation Institute – Preservation and Conservation of Collections <<http://canada.pch.gc.ca/eng/1443108902049/1443108938861>>



Related Resources from the Connecting to Collections Care Archives

Live Question and Answer Session on Housekeeping for Historic Sites <<http://www.connectingtocollections.org/recording-housekeeping/>>

Stressed About Pests? Prevention, Monitoring, & Identification <<http://www.connectingtocollections.org/ipmpart1/>>

Stressed About Pests? Treating Infestations <<http://www.connectingtocollections.org/ipmpart2/>>

Mold! <http://www.connectingtocollections.org/moldrecording/>>

