

Aviary Caretaker Cleaning Guide

Cleaning supplies

- Simple green
- Scrub brush
- Rake
- Gloves
- Grocery/trash bags

Cleaning Procedure

- Raking – rake up debris (pine needles, leaves, feathers, pellets, leftovers, etc.) into piles to collect and discard
- Walls - scrub, clean, and wash off all debris
- Perches - scrub, clean, and wash off all debris
- Food Brick/Rock Areas - scrub, clean, and wash off all debris
- Roofs - use a hose to spray debris off the roof
- Water Dish - scrub, clean, and rinse thoroughly before filling with water; should not be filled if temperature is below 35 degrees Fahrenheit
- Substrate - break up fecal matter with a rake or brush; clean and rinse off thoroughly; evenly distribute substrate once cleaned
- Hoses - rinse all surfaces; turn nozzle and handle of hose pump “off” and wrap up in an orderly fashion
- Enrichment – pick up and dispose of old; anything that should be kept (skull, wiffle ball, etc.) bring to enrichment shed

Additional Cleaning of Display Enclosures

- Signage/Railing
- Trail
- Doors/Locks

Collect

- Pellets from display owls only
- Non-native bird feathers in “good” condition

Reminders

- Use the double door system
- Inspect the enclosure for any signs of disrepair
- Add more substrate if needed