



Beavers, although they do have a good effect on areas where humans do not live, by keeping forests clean, and do some irrigation, often do not get along with humans. Beavers build dams in ditches, stopping irrigation, and flooding some property, often causing structure damage, plus, there is a danger of trees cut to make dams, damaging your property. Beavers can also build dams along roads and railroads, flooding them and often washing them away. Beavers also carry diseases such as:

Tularemia: is a bacterial disease that can be carried and transmitted by beavers. Human symptoms of this disease include headaches, chills, vomiting, fever, aches and pains. Humans may contract tularemia through contact with the blood or tissue of an infected beaver or by drinking contaminated water.

Giardiasis: is caused by a parasite called *Giardia lamblia*. It causes acute gastroenteritis and diarrhea in humans.

Beavers are light to dark brown, weighing 40-50 pounds. Their tail is flat, about 1.5 feet long, and is used as a rudder, and splashing water, which makes a very loud sound, warning other beavers that danger is near. Their teeth are orange in color, and are between 1-2 inches long. Beavers have to keep cutting trees to keep their teeth filed down, or they will grow into their head and kill them. This constant gnawing is what makes them a threat near your house.



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