

Nuisance Wildlife Yard Audit

This checklist is designed to assist in identifying areas of your property that may need improvements to minimize conflicts with wildlife, such as deer, coyotes, opossums, raccoons, etc. Share this information with your neighbors because minimizing conflicts is most effective when an entire neighborhood works together.

Item	OK	Fix	Ways to Mitigate
Food Sources:			<i>Never hand-feed or intentionally feed wildlife</i>
Pet Food			Never feed pets outdoors, secure all food securely indoors
Bird Feeders			Remove or clean up fallen seed to prevent small animals (which are prey for coyotes) or deer
Fallen Fruit			Clean up fallen fruit around trees
Compost			Fully enclose compost piles
BBQ Grills			Burn food off grills and completely clean after use.
Trash			Periodically clean cans to keep odors low, put trash outside on morning of pick-up or secure lids.
Water:			Pet water bowls, bird baths, fountains and ponds are all inviting water sources for wildlife.
Shelter:			Look for potential denning sites that would attract wildlife. If worried about coyotes or foxes also search for potential sites of their prey.
Landscaping			Trim vegetation to reduce hiding places and potential denning sites
Structures			Restrict access under decks, around wood piles or other structures that can provide cover or denning sites
Fencing:			Low fences, walls, or gates and/or gaps on the bottom allow wildlife to enter. Consider placing rollers on top and add a metal mesh to gabs and bottom of fence buried at least 2 feet down to prevent digging.
Gates			Keep gates shut to discourage wildlife from entering.
Pets:			Do not allow pets to play with wildlife
leash			Keep pet on a leash, long leashes (over 6ft) also increase potential for small pets to be seen as prey
waste			Clean up pet waste, wildlife can be attracted to waste as it signifies a potential food source.
yards			Never leave pets unattended outside, unless in a secure enclosure a coyote cannot enter