

Avoid and Resolve Conflicts with Wildlife



Many conflicts can be prevented by keeping your distance and removing common attractants.

Here are some steps you can take to avoid conflicts at your home:



KEEP WILDLIFE WILD

- Watch wildlife from a distance
- Never approach, handle, feed, or attempt to move a wildlife animal



FEED BIRDS THE NATURAL WAY

- Plant native plants in your yard that provide food and shelter for birds and other species, without attracting rodents and other animals.



ELIMINATE ACCESS TO SHELTER

- Seal potential entry points in attics or chimneys and under buildings, decks, and crawl spaces with 1/4-inch mesh hardware cloth, boards, or metal flashing.
- Trim tree limbs near rooftops and attach sheets of metal flashing around building corners.



PROTECT POULTRY AND LIVESTOCK

- Secure your poultry and livestock in a predator-proof pen, protected by electric fencing or guard animals.
- Store food indoors or in an animal proof container.



BE SMART ABOUT THE GARBAGE

- Store garbage in a building.
- Use garbage cans with latching lids that do not open if pushed over.
- If you have curbside pickup, wait until that morning to take out the trash.
- Keep dumpster lids closed and latched.



BE A RESPONSIBLE PET OWNER

- Keep your pet's vaccinations up to date
- Keep your pet on a leash and under control at all times.
- Don't feed pets outside unless you must; and if that's the case, clean up after.
- Don't feed feral cats.
- At night (dusk until dawn), bring your pets inside and lock pet doors to keep other animals out.



COMPOST RESPONSIBLY

- Secure your compost to keep wildlife out.
- Never compost animal matter, which can become smelly and attract wildlife.

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