



KNOW YOUR NEIGHBORS

learn how to prevent interactions from unwanted
creatures such as rodents and coyotes



COYOTES



DID YOU KNOW?

Coyotes are most active in winter as they enter into mating season, and then again in spring during "whelping season" when they have pups. During these times sightings will increase especially during the day

Coyote-human interactions become problematic when humans inadvertently make their home environment attractive to coyotes.

TIPS TO KEEP COYOTES OUT OF YOUR YARD

- 1 **Motion Sensor Lights:** use them especially in areas near food sources (compost, garbage cans, or in areas your pets hang out) or wood lines where they would likely enter the yard.
- 2 **Scent Deterrents:** apply scent deterrents to your yard during peak activity times near the perimeter. Synthetic predator urine such as mountain lion urine can be used to deter.
- 3 **Food Sources:** eliminate items like garbage cans and compost piles in your yard. Coyotes will eat anything that we or our pets will eat.
- 4 **No Feeding:** make sure you and your neighbors are not feeding coyotes. This is the number 1 cause for negative coyote interaction and pet attacks. Avoid feeding pets outside.
- 5 **Hazing:** If you spot a coyote in your yard, haze them with either sound or water deterrents in order to scare them away.





RODENTS

As winter approaches, mice and rats will be looking for warm, dry shelter. Be sure to prevent rodent entry into your home this season.

Rodenticides

Rodenticides, or pesticides used to kill animals such as mice and rats, can sicken and kill non-targeted wild animals and family pets.

Rather than using rodenticides focus on prevention, making your home inhabitable to these creatures

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Rodent Proofing

Walk the perimeter of your home and look for holes, burrows, and entryways. Openings the size of a quarter are large enough for passage into a structure, so block any holes that size or larger

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Mechanical Traps

Air powered traps and electric traps effectively kill rodents and keep non rodent species safe. The best place to put these traps is along the wall in a low lit area.

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Eliminating Food Sources

Eliminate compost piles, secure garbage bins, and feed pets indoors. Taking down bird feeders can also prevent rodents from entering your yard.

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Mow Fence Lines

Rodents are in constant fear of aerial predators and don't like to be out in the open for fear of becoming a meal. Keeping grass short around your property will help discourage them from trying to move in.

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Scent Deterrents

Rodents have an excellent sense of smell. Applying a strong smell that they don't like is often enough to keep them away. Mint and peppermint based products usually aid in deterring rodents.

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Nature Deterrents

Adding an owl box to your property can help control rodent populations as they eat rats and mice.

