



COYOTE WATCH CANADA

Quick Tips: Wildlife Proofing

Remove Food Attractants

- Bird feeders also attract rodents and small mammals, who eat the fallen food. Small mammals then attract coyotes, foxes, and birds of prey.
- Pet food left outdoors will attract wildlife. If you must feed stray or feral animals, make food available for 30 minutes at a time, and then remove it.
- Secure your compost bin, and never compost meat scraps.
- Take garbage to the curb on collection day - not the night before. Unsecured garbage is an open invitation for wild animals, many of whom forage for food at night.
- Clean up fallen or rotting fruit from underneath fruit trees.

Keep Your Property Clean

- Remove brush piles (NOTE: always check carefully before burning brush - many wild animals make their homes in brush piles and may be burned or killed by careless burning or brush-pile removal).
- Scoop your poop: animal feces attract rodents, which then attract other wildlife.
- Keep outdoor cooking areas and grills clean.
- Trim branches that provide easy access to your roof for squirrels, raccoons, etc.
- Dispose of deadstock on farms quickly and securely.

Secure Your Space

- Call a reputable wildlife company that practices humane removal, reuniting, and release if you have trouble with mice or other wildlife entering your home. True professionals can help you identify points of entry and make recommendations to repair them, while ensuring all wild animals are evicted humanely.
- Before sealing holes and openings, ensure all babies and adults have vacated (you will be glad you did!)
- Cap chimneys and ducts so birds, squirrels, raccoons, and other wildlife cannot come inside to nest.
- Repair holes and cracks where mice or other animals may be entering your home to seek warmth or food.
- Seal up sheds, decks, and unused/abandoned buildings on your property to exclude wildlife.
- Secure cottages to ensure they are wildlife-proof during the winter months.

Be a Good Pet Guardian

- Follow leash laws and supervise pets outdoors.
- Keep cats safely indoors or in an enclosed play area/catio.
- Never allow pets to chase or harass wildlife.

