



Community Services
& Parks

What To Do If You See A...



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It has become common to see coyotes in our neighborhoods. Coyotes have proven to be adaptable to any environment & city life is no different.

There are steps you can take to deter coyotes from your yard & to scare them away when you do encounter them.

***Never intentionally feed a coyote or any wildlife. It is best to keep the wild in wildlife.**

***Bird seed attracts rats – the most common meal for a coyote.**

You can still attract birds to your yard by growing native California plants that they love.

***Motion-sensor lights and or sprinklers will deter coyotes & other animals from your yard at night.**

***Keep small dogs inside at night & only allow in the yard with supervision or on a leash.**

A photograph of a coyote with brown and grey fur, looking down and eating a yellow corn cob on the ground. The background is a dry, sandy area with some sparse, dry vegetation.

WHAT TO DO TO KEEP COYOTES OUT OF YOUR YARD

***Secure food sources.**

***Store garbage in wildlife-proof containers and feed pets indoors.**

If you must feed pets in your yard, remove the food when they are done eating.

Coyotes have a strong sense of smell & the aroma of pet food will attract them.


A close-up photograph of a coyote's face, showing its ears and fur. The image is used as a background for the text.

WHAT TO DO IF YOU ENCOUNTER A COYOTE

Use noisemakers such as a whistle, air horn, soda cans filled with pennies or rocks (duct tape the top hole), or just yelling & waving your arms.

You want to make yourself look large & loud.

You can also use a squirt gun or hose.



When walking dogs, make sure you keep them on a leash. If you see a coyote, either pick up your dog or place it behind you. Carry a LED flashlight with a strobing feature. Coyotes do not like brightly flashing lights.