

Coyote Home Audit Checklist

Colorado Division of Wildlife (CDOW), Area 5



Is your yard free of coyote attractants? These are the most common attractants in developed areas.

Common Attractants	OK	FIX	Ways to Mitigate
FOOD			NEVER feed wildlife!
Pet food			Never feed pets outdoors; store all pet foods securely indoors.
Water sources			Exclude pet bowls, bird baths, fountains, and ponds, especially those containing fish.
Bird feeders			Remove bird feeders or clean up fallen seed to reduce the presence of small mammals that coyotes prefer to eat.
			Place bird feeders so that only birds can access them.
Fallen fruit			Clean up fallen fruit from around trees.
Gardens and compost			Fully enclose gardens and compost piles.
BBQ Grills			Burn food off barbeque grills and clean after each use.
Trash			Secure all trash containers with locking lids. Periodically clean cans to reduce residual odors.
			Put trash out on morning of pick-up.
LANDSCAPING			Trim vegetation to reduce hiding places and potential denning sites.
			Restrict access under decks, around woodpiles, or any other structure that can provide cover or denning sites for coyotes or their prey.
FENCING			Enclose property with a 6-foot fence, preferably with an additional extension or roller-top, to deter coyotes.
PETS			Always supervise your pet when outside, especially dusk through dawn.
			Never allow pets to “play” with coyotes.
			Fully enclose outdoor pet kennels.
			Walk pets on a 6-foot leash.

The CDOW encourages you to take steps to eliminate attractants and participate in hazing efforts on your property (hazing would include yelling or throwing objects at coyotes that come onto your property or that approach too closely) in order to minimize conflicts with coyotes. The CDOW also urges you to share this information with friends, neighbors and your community since minimizing conflicts is most effective when the entire neighborhood is working together.



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