



HOMEOWNER CHECKLIST TO DETER WILDLIFE

The following checklist is to help you keep wildlife off your property. If you can check off every item on this list, it is likely, the wildlife will move on to another food or nesting area.

1. _____ **KEEP GARBAGE CANS INSIDE OR IN GARAGE:** Do not put out any garbage cans until the **MORNING OF COLLECTION.** This is the number one attraction for wildlife. Even if they have not been able to get into the cans, the smell attracts them. Find secure cans and keep in garage until pick up.
2. _____ **NEVER FEED PETS OUTDOORS:** When you feed pets outside, you are attracting rodents and wildlife. Do not feed on decks or porches, only indoors.
3. _____ **CLEAN OUTDOOR GRILLS:** If you have an outdoor grill, you must clean it completely after use and put away if possible. There should be no scent to detract wildlife.
4. _____ **CLEAN UP YARD:** If you have trees or bushes that harvest fruits, berries or nuts, check your yard often in search of those that have fallen on the ground and remove them. Remove all water sources that wildlife can easily access as well.
5. _____ **CLOSE UP ANY HOLES:** If you have openings under porches or decks for nesting, close them up. Having easy access to these will attract nesting wildlife.
6. _____ **CLOSE GUTTERS:** Remove leaves and debris from roof and gutters to avoid rodents.
7. _____ **CLOSE GARAGE AND SHED DOORS:** You do not want to leave any garbage or shed doors open, especially if you keep your garbage in them before pick up.
8. _____ **AUTOMATED SPRINKLERS:** Automated sprinklers also known as the scarecrow sprinklers are also a common way to deter wildlife.
9. _____ **TRIM ALL TREE BRANCHES NEAR DECKS:** To keep wildlife off your decks and roof you should make sure all tree branches are cut so there is no access.
10. _____ **PURCHASE SKUNK REPELLANT:** To keep wildlife off your property, purchase repellent and follow directions.