

Coyote Deterrents and Repellants



This guide is for homeowners to utilize when trying to minimize conflicts with coyotes. The City of Port Aransas encourages residents to share this information with their neighbors, friends, and homeowner's associations, as coyote management is most effective when a whole neighborhood works together.

Hazing efforts, deterrents, and repellents will be more effective on coyotes if coyote attractants are removed or excluded from residential neighborhoods first. Thus, we encourage the following:

- ◆ Never feed coyotes! Report neighbors that are feeding coyotes to the Police Department.
- ◆ Remove all food and water sources from your yard. This may include pet bowls, birdfeeders, fallen fruit, barbecue grills, and trash.
- ◆ All trash should be contained in trash containers and stored indoors with secure lids. Trash should not be placed on the curb until the morning of pickup. Encourage your community to utilize wildlife-proof trash containers on school grounds, in parks, and in open space areas.
- ◆ Pets should be supervised when outside and should only be left unattended when they are secured in a kennel with a covered top.
- ◆ Trim vegetation and mow tall grass; remove or thin brush and rubble piles so as to eliminate cover for coyotes and their prey.
- ◆ Avoid feeding birds. Coyotes will eat the birdseed as well as the birds and rodents attracted by the feeder.
- ◆ Secure livestock and poultry with wildlife-proof fencing with a secured top.
- ◆ Completely enclose gardens and compost piles with fencing.
- ◆ Seal-up openings under porches, decks, and sheds with welded wire that is buried at least 18 inches below the ground.
- ◆ Radios, strobe lights, sirens, or odor deterrents may help deter the presence of coyotes.
- ◆ Walk pets on a 6-foot leash at all times. Consider a harness over a collar for swift withdrawal.
- ◆ Keep cats indoors. If you choose to have outdoor cats (not recommended), install cat posts and bring cats inside at night.
- ◆ Install cat posts for outside cats. Posts should be at least 7 feet tall and made out of a material that a cat can climb, with enough space on top for the cat to sit.
- ◆ Pets should not be left unattended outside unless in a kennel with a secured top.
- ◆ Close all pet doors at night to exclude coyotes, and other wildlife, from your house.
- ◆ Do not allow your pets to “play” or interact with wildlife.
- ◆ Corrals, high fencing, electric fencing, pasture selection, herders, and guard animals (llamas, donkeys, and guard dogs) may help with livestock protection.