

# Coyote Yard Audit Checklist

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| <b>FOOD</b>            |    |     | NEVER hand-feed or intentionally feed a coyote   |
| Pet Food               |    |     | Never feed pets outdoors; store all pet food securely indoors  |
| Water Sources          |    |     | Remove water attractants (such as pet water bowls)   |
| Bird Feeders           |    |     | Remove bird feeders or clean fallen seed to reduce the presence of small mammals that coyotes prefer to eat  |
| Fallen Fruit           |    |     | Clean up fallen fruit around trees   |
| Compost                |    |     | Do not include meat or dairy among compost contents unless fully enclosed  |
| BBQ Grills             |    |     | Clean up food around barbeque grills after each use  |
| Trash                  |    |     | Secure all trash containers with locking lids and place curbside the morning of trash pickup. Periodically clean cans to reduce residual odors   |
| <b>LANDSCAPING</b>     |    |     | Trim vegetation to reduce hiding places and potential denning sites  |
| Structure/Outbuildings |    |     | Restrict access under decks and sheds, around woodpiles, or any other structure that can provide cover or denning sites for coyotes or their prey  |
| <b>FENCING</b>         |    |     | Enclose property with an 8-foot fence (or 6-foot fence with an additional extension or roller-top) to deter coyotes. Ensure that there are no gaps and that the bottom of the fence extends underground 6 inches or is fitted with a mesh apron to deter coyotes from digging underneath |
| <b>PETS</b>            |    |     | Never leave pets unattended outside  |
|                        |    |     | Never allow pets to “play” with coyotes  |
|                        |    |     | Fully enclose outdoor pet kennels  |
|                        |    |     | Walk pets on a leash no longer than 6-feet in length   |

We encourage you to take steps to eliminate attractants on your property in order to minimize conflicts with coyotes. We also urge you to share this information with friends and neighbors because minimizing conflicts is most effective when the entire neighborhood works together.