

# Coyote-Smart Los Angeles Neighborhood Checklist

## Arm Yourself and Neighbors with Knowledge

- Learn about coyotes <https://humanecontrol.com/coyote/los-angeles/>
- Learn how to effectively haze a coyote <https://humanecontrol.com/coyote/hazing>
- Learn how to protect yourself against aggressive domestic dogs.
- Share information with neighbors, property manager / landlord.
- Organize an educational event for your block or neighborhood.

## Be Prepared

- Be prepared with hazing props, if you feel you need them.
- If you walk with a dog and need props, desensitize him/her to hazing / hazing props.

## Reduce Attractants

### ***Handling of garbage and green waste***

- Do not allow garbage or recycling bins to become overfilled. Lids must shut.
- Be sure lids are secure and functioning properly. Replace if damaged.
- Never compost meat, bones or dairy.
- Keep discarded meat/dairy frozen until trash day.

### ***Composting***

- Be sure the bin is secure and animals cannot gain access.

### ***Barbeques***

- Clean after each use. Keep drip-tray clean and inaccessible by animals.

### ***Birdseed/squirrel feeders***

- Seed attracts rodents and the animals that prey on them.
  - (a) Remove feeder
  - (b) Install a rodent barrier system.

### ***Harborage (shelter and hiding spots)***

*Dense vegetation and debris piles attract rodents and animals that prey on them.*

- Remove any debris or brush piles.
- Keep grass trimmed and vegetation thinned.
  - Lollipop pruning of shrubs opens the base but leaves a full canopy.*
- Inspect home's exterior for any openings, holes, gaps.
- Make necessary repairs to prevent animals from accessing shelter.

- Include decks and landing.

*Take precautions to not entrap nocturnal animals within structures.*

### **Garden and Fruit Trees**

*Garden vegetables and fruit attract rodents and other wildlife including canids.*

- Ensure ripe and fallen fruit is picked / removed daily.
- Prevent mammals from accessing garden/orchard.

### **Livestock & Poultry**

*Animal feed / bedding can attract rodents and other wildlife.*

- Exclude rodents from access to stored food / bedding.
- Reduce or eliminate rodent access to animal enclosure(s).
- House animals in predator-proof enclosures.
- Never let the animals roam freely, unguarded.

### **Companion Animal Care and Feeding**

- Do not leave pet food where it is accessible to wildlife.
- Remove pet feces from the yard, daily.
- Keep cats contained for their safety.

*Catios and Cat Gardens allow cats to enjoy the outdoors safely.*

- On walks, do not use leashes longer than 6'.
- Do not leave small dogs in the yard, unattended.

### **Stray, Feral and Free-Roaming Cats**

- Learn about the TENVAC process for managing community cats.

<https://humanecontrol.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/TENVAC-Cat-Management-Program.pdf>

- Keep food out of reach of wildlife, including birds.

### **Preventive Measures**

- ☺ Consider predator-proof fencing and other wildlife and rodent barrier systems.
- ☺ Report deliberate or unintentional feeding of wild animals to authorities.
- ☺ Report stray cats and / or stray or feral cat feeding locations to authorities.
- ☺ Report recurring gatherings of crows and or pigeons at one location to authorities.
- ☺ Report overflowing trash receptacles to authorities.

**Report Sightings:** help us track coyote activity in the greater Los Angeles Area.

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