

# IS YOUR YARD UNINVITING TO COYOTES?

ITEMS IN YOUR YARD MAY BE ATTRACTING COYOTES OR OTHER WILDLIFE.  
TO MINIMIZE CONFLICTS WITH WILDLIFE, REMOVE ATTRACTANTS AND  
ENCOURAGE NEIGHBORS TO DO THE SAME.

MARK OFF EACH ITEM BELOW WITH A YES TO ACHIEVE A WILDLIFE PROOF YARD.

## FOOD

ALL FOOD SOURCES SHOULD BE REMOVED AND/OR SECURELY STORED INDOORS.  
NEVER HAND-FEED OR INTENTIONALLY FEED WILDLIFE.

	YES	NO	
PET FOOD	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	PETS ARE FED INDOORS AND FOOD IS SECURELY STORED INDOORS.
WATER	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	WATER SOURCES ARE REMOVED IN DRY CLIMATES.
TRASH	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	BINS ARE SECURED WITH LOCKING LIDS AND WASHED TO REDUCE ODORS.
FALLEN FRUIT	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	FALLEN FRUIT IS PICKED UP OR PICKED FROM TREES BEFORE IT FALLS.
COMPOST	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	LIDS ON COMPOST BINS ARE KEPT CLOSED AND LOCKED.
BBQ GRILLS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	FOOD RESIDUE ON OR AROUND BBQ GRILL IS CLEANED AFTER EACH USE AND BBQ IS KEPT COVERED WHILE NOT IN USE.
BIRD FEEDERS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	FEEDERS ARE REMOVED OR FALLEN SEED IS CLEANED TO REDUCE THE PRESENCE OF SMALL ANIMALS.

## LANDSCAPING

LUSH LANDSCAPING CAN PROVIDE AMPLE FOOD, WATER AND SHELTER FOR COYOTES.

	YES	NO	
VEGETATION	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	VEGETATION IS TRIMMED TO REDUCE HIDING PLACES FOR WILDLIFE.
OUTBUILDINGS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	ACCESS UNDER DECKS, IN SHEDS, NEAR WOOD PILES OR OTHER AREAS IS RESTRICTED TO PREVENT COYOTES FROM DENNING.
FENCING	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	REAR YARDS AND SIDE YARDS ARE ENCLOSED WITH 8 FOOT FENCING (OR WITH 6 FOOT FENCING WITH AN ADDED EXTENSION OR ROLLER TOP).
MOTION SENSORS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	MOTION SENSOR SPRINKLERS, LIGHTS OR OTHER FIXTURES HAVE BEEN ADDED TO DETER WILDLIFE.

## PETS

WATCH OVER PETS TO ENSURE THEIR SAFETY  
AND ENSURE THEY ARE NOT INDIRECTLY ATTRACTING WILDLIFE.

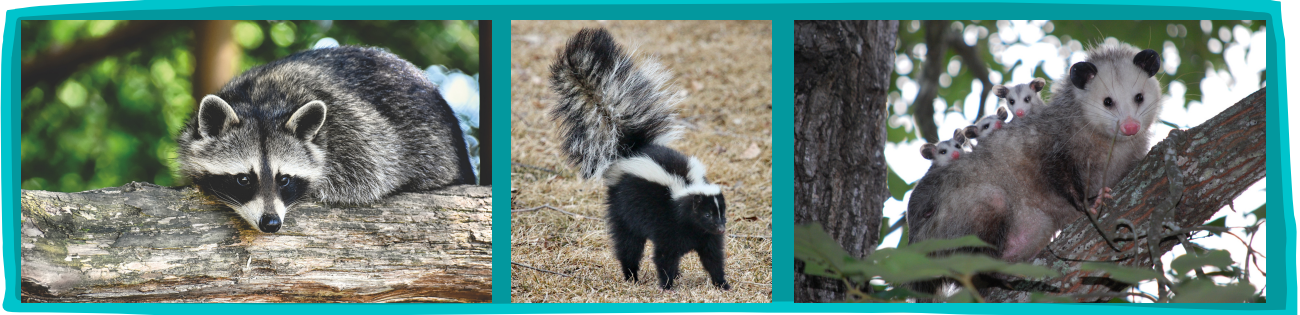
	YES	NO	
OUTDOORS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	PETS ARE NEVER LEFT UNATTENDED OUTSIDE.
PLAYTIME	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	PETS ARE NEVER ALLOWED TO "PLAY" WITH COYOTES OR OTHER WILDLIFE.
ENCLOSURES	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	IF LEFT OUTDOORS, PETS ARE FULLY ENCLOSED IN CATIO OR DOGIO.
PET WASTE	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	FECAL MATTER IS REGULARLY DISCARDED TO ELIMINATE ODORS FROM ATTRACTING COYOTES.
WALKS*	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	PETS ARE ALWAYS WALKED ON A LEASH NO LONGER THAN 6 FEET LONG.

To request a yard assessment contact the Burbank Animal Shelter at (818) 238-3340 or email at [wildlife@burbankca.gov](mailto:wildlife@burbankca.gov).



# HOMEMADE SOLUTIONS TO KEEP WILDLIFE OUT OF YOUR HOME GARDEN

WHEN TRYING TO RID YOUR GARDEN AND YARD OF RACCOONS, SKUNKS, OPOSSUMS AND OTHER WILDLIFE, YOUR BEST BET IS TO START OFF WITH SOME EASY HOMEMADE SOLUTIONS.



- Leave open jars of **vinegar** on the perimeter of where the animal is frequenting. Most wildlife do not like the smell and will try to avoid it. Leave the jars out for a few weeks, refilling them as necessary.
  - Mix a bottle of **mint** extract oil into a large bottle of **mouth wash**. Soak rags with the solution and place in the area where the animal is a nuisance. The smell will be a deterrent, and is also beneficial in preventing rodents like mice and rats.
  - A mixture of **cayenne peppers** and **onions** is also a good preventative for wildlife. The mixture can also be put in open jars and placed around your yard or garden. Wildlife do not like the Capsaicin active component in chili peppers which can cause a burning sensation if touched. Be sure to wear gloves and eye protection when working with the peppers.
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- If the above suggestions do not help, you can resort to using **ammonia-soaked rags** in problem areas most frequented by wildlife. Ammonia gives off a strong smell which animals will stay away from, but can also be dangerous to people when inhaled. If you decide to use this as a deterrent, use caution when soaking the rags and always wear a mask and gloves.
  - Movement detecting **motion lights** and/or **motion sprinklers** can be installed around your home to startle approaching wildlife. Animals will become wary of your home and learn to stay away. Inexpensive motion lights and sprinklers can be found online or at your local hardware store. Or, if you happen see these critters, use loud noisemakers (pots and pans work great) to make them uncomfortable and urge them to leave.