



At-Home Coyote Prevention Checklist

Urban coyotes prefer to live in undeveloped green space but can travel 15 miles using shelter to cross city boundaries for easily accessible food and water. Preventive practices, such as removing attractants, modifying habitat near residential areas and hazing (scaring) coyotes are key to minimizing conflict.

REMOVE COYOTE ATTRACTANTS:		
	Accomplished: Date (month/year)	RECOMMENDATIONS
Food		<input type="checkbox"/> NEVER feed wildlife. It is illegal. Leaving food outside your home invites coyotes and their prey (rodents and small mammals).
Pet Food		<input type="checkbox"/> Feed pets indoors. Coyotes have a keen sense of smell. Pet food can attract them to your yard.
		<input type="checkbox"/> Store pet food indoors or in tight fitting containers.
Trash		<input type="checkbox"/> Secure trash containers with locking lids and place curbside morning of trash pick-up.
		<input type="checkbox"/> Don't overflow trash bins. It's a health hazard and provides easy access to coyotes and other foraging animals.
		<input type="checkbox"/> Periodically clean cans to reduce residual odors.
Compost		<input type="checkbox"/> Fully enclose compost bins.
		<input type="checkbox"/> Do not include meat or dairy among compost.
Ripened Fruit		<input type="checkbox"/> Pick ripened fruit from trees and ground.
		<input type="checkbox"/> Protect fruit with tree netting.
Water		<input type="checkbox"/> Remove water attractants, such as pet water bowls.
BBQ Grills		<input type="checkbox"/> Clean food around barbeque grills after each use.
Bird Feeders		<input type="checkbox"/> Clean fallen seed to avoid the presence of small mammals that coyotes prefer to eat.
Overgrown Landscaping		<input type="checkbox"/> Trim vegetation/brush to clear hiding places and potential denning sites, especially before coyotes den (March).
SAFEGUARD PETS:		
Dogs & Cats		<input type="checkbox"/> Keep pets indoors when not supervised.
		<input type="checkbox"/> Walk pets on a leash no longer than 6 feet in length.



Pets can enjoy time outdoors with the use of fully enclosed dog kennels and cat patios (catios).

PREVENT POTENTIAL HABITAT:

Micro urban habitats are small areas within a city that provide food, water, or shelter for wildlife to survive. Coyotes take advantage of these areas to:

- hunt prey where small mammals gather, such as green belts, brush piles, overgrown gardens, and crawl spaces.
- hide and move about using shelter as thoroughfares in their search for food.

When possible secure or remove potential habitat near your home: under decks, sheds, around woodpiles, shrubbery or any other structure that provide cover or dens for coyotes and their prey.

City Website: <https://ci.carson.ca.us/>

City Telephone: (310) 830-7600

[Pet Owners Cautioned Against Coyotes \(carson.ca.us\)](https://www.change.org/p/prevent-cruel-coyote-trapping-in-the-city-of-carson-california)

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