



ADVISORY:

COYOTES SEEN IN THIS NEIGHBORHOOD!

Coyotes are attracted by discarded food and small animals in urban and suburban neighborhoods.

In order to keep coyotes away from your house and yard, please take the following steps:

Secure potential food sources:

- ❑ Keep tight-fitting lids on trash containers and compost bins
- ❑ Feed your pets indoors
- ❑ Do not hand-feed or pet coyotes
- ❑ Keep bird feeder areas clean
- ❑ If you have fruit producing trees, remove any fallen fruit from the ground
- ❑ Close off crawl spaces under porches and sheds where coyotes may take shelter

Protect pets:

- ❑ Do not leave pet cats or small dogs outdoors unattended
- ❑ Keep dogs on a leash in public areas
- ❑ If you must feed pets outdoors, do it only in daylight hours and remove any uneaten food immediately
- ❑ Install a fence that is at least 6 feet tall to protect pets left unsupervised in your yard

Use effective hazing techniques (see reverse side):

- ❑ Yell and wave arms while approaching the coyote until it retreats
- ❑ Use noisemakers such as pots and pans, whistles, horns, bells
- ❑ Throw objects such as sticks, small rocks and tennis balls if coyote does not leave area
- ❑ Showing fear by running away from a coyote is not advisable
- ❑ If you suspect that a coyote is sick or injured, call the Police Department immediately at 617-730-2222

Hazing (Deterrent) Guidelines:

Hazing is a method of deterring coyotes from feeding and settling in residential areas. When coyotes adapt to urban and suburban environments, they often become habituated, or lose their fear of human contact. By carrying out hazing activities such as making noise, throwing objects and spraying the coyote with a hose, residents can reinstate a coyote's fear of humans.

Tips for successful hazing:

- ❑ Employ a variety of hazing techniques
- ❑ If the coyote does not run away immediately, use more aggressive tactics
- ❑ Do not stop hazing a coyote until it leaves the area

REMEMBER...

Since coyotes are reclusive animals that avoid human contact, they are not considered to be a threat to humans. In cases where a coyote exhibits signs of disease (such as rabies), poses a threat, or is designated to be a "problem animal", public safety officials who have the authority to respond to the threat must be contacted.

To report a coyote sighting, please visit www.brooklinema.gov or call the Brookline Police Dispatch Center at 617-730-2222. To report a threat, please call the Brookline Police immediately.

As always, small children should be kept under close supervision when playing outdoors!

For more information, contact...

Brookline Health Department
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