



# City of Rolling Hills Estates

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## HOME & YARD CHECKLIST FOR WILDLIFE

Complete the checklist to identify areas on your property that may need improvements to reduce wildlife, such as coyotes, opossums, skunks, raccoons, etc. on your property and in your neighborhood; improve any condition for which you check the box. Eliminate attractants on your property in order to minimize conflicts with wildlife. Share this information with your friends and neighbors because minimizing conflicts is most effective when the entire neighborhood works together.

COMMON ATTRACTANTS	Checkbox	CONDITIONS OR HABITS THAT MAY ATTRACTION WILDLIFE
<b>FOOD SOURCES</b>		
Never hand-feed or intentionally feed wildlife animals!		
Pet Food	<b>Check</b>	Do you feed your animal outside or leave food outside unattended? Do you leave pet treats or bones out?
Water Sources		Do you have pet water bowls or unnecessary water sources on your property, or fish ponds without nets covering the water?
Bird Feeders		Do you have bird feeders with fallen seed on the ground which could attract bird for wildlife to prey on?
Fallen Fruit		Do you have fallen fruit around trees that can be a food source?
Compost		Do you include meat or dairy products within compost contents that could attract or feed wildlife? Other food attractants?
BBQ Grills		Is your barbeque grill uncleaned with food or wrappers left out?
Trash		Do you leave your trash containers out? With lids open? (Periodically clean cans to reduce residual food or trash odors)
<b>LANDSCAPING</b>		
Trim vegetation to reduce hiding places and potential denning sites.		
Structures and Out Buildings		Do you have an access space under a house, deck or shed, or around woodpiles, or any other structure that can provide cover or denning sites for wildlife or their prey?
<b>FENCING</b>		
Enclose property with a 6-foot fence to deter wildlife from entering your yard. Consider placing rollers on top of fencing, fit gaps and spaces with metal mesh (like hardware cloth) and bury at least 2 feet down along the perimeter to deter the animal from digging deep.		
Fencing Around Yards		Do low fences, walls, or gates enable wildlife to enter your yard?
Gates		Do you leave gates open through which wildlife can enter your yard?
<b>PETS AND ANIMALS</b>		
Never leave pets unattended outside. Keep pets leashed when out. Keep other animals in secure enclosures.		
Pet/Wildlife Interaction		Do you permit your pets to "play" or interact with wildlife?
Kennels/Coops		Do you have an outdoor pet kennel/coops that are not fully enclosed?
Walking Pets on Leash		Do you sometimes walk your pet on a long leash or no leash? (Pets can be snatched by wildlife if not watched on a short leash)
Animal Waste		At home, do you sometimes or often fail to clean up after your pet or leave animal waste in your yard? (Wildlife animals are attracted to areas where animal waste is present because of the potential food source of the waste producing animal.)