**Wildlife Proofing Yard Audit**  Living with Wildlife

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| **Motivators of a wildlife encounter** | **Ways to reduce wildlife encounters (Demotivators)** |
| **Food Attractants** | Never feed wild animals. Handfeeding is dangerous. | **Attention Required** | **Complete** |
| Pet food | Wildlife can be attracted by pet food and defend it. |  |  |
| Birdseed | Bird feeders and fallen seeds can attract small mammals, birds and the carnivores that eat those species (e.g., bobcats, coyotes, and birds of prey).  |  |  |
| Fallen fruit | Fruit on trees is a source of food for wildlife, including coyotes and bears. |  |  |
| Compost | Compost must always be securely enclosed. |  |  |
| BBQ grills | Keep your BBQ clean and remove drip pans. |  |  |
| Garbage | Keep all trash secured with lid closed, put it out only on the day of pick up. Regularly clean cans to reduce odour. |  |  |
| Water | Water sources like ponds can attract all wildlife, especially in dryer climates. |  |  |
| **Built Environment** |  | **Attention Required** | **Complete** |
| Outdoor structures | Ensure no access to crawl spaces under decks, sheds, woodpiles, and other obstructions that small wildlife may use to den (e.g., skunks, racoons, coyotes, bobcats). |  |  |
| Landscaping | Trimming vegetation can reduce the number of places wildlife may hide or have their young. |  |  |
| Fencing | Enclose yards with a fence: “wildlife proof” fence heights vary by species. Prevent animals digging under fences by burying 6 in. of mesh wire. Some species, like owls, eagles or bobcats are not be deterred by a fence. **Must abide by local codes**. |  |  |
| **Pets (all types)** | Pets should never be allowed to “play” or “visit” wildlife. | **Attention Required** | **Complete** |
| Supervision | Pets should be supervised when outdoors. |  |  |
| Kenneling | Outdoor pet kennels must be fully enclosed. |  |  |
| Leashing | When walking pets, leashes should be no more than 6 feet (2 meters) in length. |  |  |

 **NOTE:** Complete this inspection regularly, especially in early Spring when wild animals seek shelter for denning.