

LIVING WITH URBAN WILDLIFE

Wildlife continue to adapt to urban environments. Human and wildlife conflicts within urban areas often occur because someone starts feeding the wildlife. Wildlife do not need humans to provide food for them. They are adapted to living in their environments, and will move around as food becomes available. Feeding wildlife can become dangerous for both



humans and wildlife. If wildlife lose their fear of humans, attacks are more likely to occur, resulting in the animal possibly being destroyed. If you see wildlife in your neighborhood, enjoy it from afar and remember:

To discourage wildlife from coming into your neighborhood:

- Remove all standing water and change your watering habits.
- Discourage wildlife from coming too close to your home. Make loud noises or spray them with a hose if they get too close.
- Install fences around your yard to keep pets safe from attack. Fences should be at least 6 feet high.
- Install fences or barriers around gardens and landscaping plants so that they are not a food source.
- Secure all trash cans, so they are not easy to tip over or get into.
- Secure all openings that could lead into your home, including the chimney, roof and any vents.

**DO NOT FEED
WILDLIFE!**

