



KEEP ME WILD™

Stash Your Food and Trash

Coyotes, black bears and other wildlife may be your neighbors here.

- Never feed or attempt to “tame” a coyote
- Don’t leave small children or pets outside unattended
- Remove sources of water, especially in dry climates
- Trim ground-level shrubbery to reduce hiding places
- Put trash in tightly closed containers that cannot tip over
- Do not leave pet food outside and bring pets in at night
- Provide secure enclosures for rabbits, poultry, etc.
- Pick up fallen fruit and cover compost piles
- Install motion-sensitive lighting around the house

If followed by a coyote, make loud noises. If this fails, throw rocks in the animal’s direction.

Feeding wildlife is dead wrong.

Allowing wild animals access to human food and garbage can be deadly. Wild animals naturally fear people, keep a distance, and will not bother you, so long as they remain truly wild. But if they have access to human food and garbage, they want more. Their natural ways are ruined. Their normal wildness and fear of humans is lost. That’s when conflicts occur.

Keep them wild.

If in doubt about what to do, ask your local Fish and Game warden, park ranger, law enforcement officer, garbage collection company, or town council. Or visit our website:

www.keepmewild.org



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