

Belvedere's Expanded Coyote Yard & Neighborhood Checklist

Learn About Coyotes

- Review information on the City's Coyote Awareness Page on the City website
- Review instructions on how to properly haze coyotes.
- Discuss coyote safety with your family including children.

Be Prepared

- Add the Belvedere Coyote Hotline 415-435-8942 to your contacts.
- Bookmark the Online Reporting Form.
- Be prepared with hazing props, if you feel you need them.
- If you walk with a dog, desensitize it to hazing and hazing props.

Reduce Attractants

Handling of garbage and green waste

- Do not allow garbage or recycling bins to become overfilled. Lids must shut.
- Be sure lids are secure and functioning properly. Replace if damaged.
- Keep discarded meat/dairy in the freezer until trash day.

Composting

- Be sure the compost bin is secure and animals cannot gain access.

Barbeques

- Clean after each use. Keep drip-tray clean and inaccessible to animals.

Birdseed/squirrel feeders

- Birdseed attracts rodents and the animals that prey on rodents.
 - (a) Remove feeder
 - (b) Install a rodent exclusion barrier system.

Harborage (shelter and hiding spots)

Dense vegetation and debris piles can attract rodents and other wildlife.

- Remove any debris or brush piles.
- Keep grass trimmed and vegetation thinned.
- Lollipop pruning of shrubs opens the base but leaves a full canopy.
- Inspect home's exterior for any openings, holes, gaps.
- Make necessary repairs to prevent animals from accessing shelter.

- Include decks and landings.

Garden and Fruit Trees

Coyotes are attracted to fruits and vegetables, as are rodents.

- Ensure ripe and fallen fruit is picked / removed daily.
- Prevent mammals from accessing your vegetable garden.

Companion Animals

- Pet food must never be left where it is accessible to wildlife.
- Remove pet feces from the yard, daily.
- Keep cats contained for their safety.

Catios and Cat Gardens allow cats to enjoy the outdoors safely.

- Walk dogs on a leash no longer than 6'.
- Do not allow small dogs outdoors, unattended.

Stray, Feral and Free-Roaming Cats

- Supplied food must never be left where it is accessible to wildlife.