

Wildlife Safety Tips

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Protecting Your Property

- Store garbage indoors until collection day.
- Secure garbage and compost in durable plastic or steel containers with locking lids.
- Remove bird feeders and seed spillage that attracts rodents and their predators.
- Feed pets indoors.
- Clean BBQ grills and tools after each use.
- Trim shrubs and remove rodent habitats such as rock piles or wood piles from your yard.
- Wildlife proof gardens, pick ripened fruit and clean up windfalls.
- Install motion sensor lights or sprinklers.
- Install a 6' solid fence and extend with mesh underground to prevent burrowing.
- Enclose crawl spaces beneath decks and sheds.
- Inspect the house exteriors and windows regularly for defects.
- Cover the chimney with a 16 gauge steel cap and check regularly to see if its secure.
- Inspect roofs for any damage or defects to avoid wildlife access.
- Inspect vents, planters, light fixtures etc. or any other possible hideouts.

For more information, contact Mississauga Animal Services at 905-896-5858 or mypet.info@mississauga.ca.



Protecting Your Pets

- Keep cats and other pets indoors.
- Keep dogs on a short 5' leash.
- Do not allow your dog to chase wildlife.
- Check your property for wildlife before letting your pet outside.
- Vaccinate your pet against rabies.

Protecting Your Family

- Never leave young children unattended.
- Teach children not to approach or harass wildlife or pets.
- Avoid walking alone in areas with coyotes.
- Avoid walking at dusk and dawn or after dark.
- Carry protection—personal alarm, umbrella, flash light, cell phone.