

HELP KEEP WILDLIFE WILD



Do

- Admire wildlife from a distance.
- Keep household waste, compost and pet food out of reach from wild animals.
- Work together in your neighbourhood to help keep wildlife wild.
- Eliminate any sources of shelter on your property like openings underneath decks, sheds, brush piles and rock piles.
- Keep pets on a leash or indoors.
- Educate your children about local wildlife and what do to if they see a wild animal.



Don't

- Do not put out food to attract wildlife.
- Do not try to approach or touch wild animals.
- Do not feed pets outdoors or allow pets to roam free.
- Do not put garbage out until the morning of collection, not the night before.

Feeding Wildlife

It may be done in good intentions but feeding wildlife does more harm than good. Here's why:

- Animals can become dependent on artificial food sources and food that is unhealthy for them.
- Animals can lose their natural fear of humans and pets resulting in more conflicts.
- It attracts unwanted animals to your property as well as your neighbors as they learn to associate people with food.
- Animals can become aggressive as a result.



Relocation is Not a Solution

Many think that when a conflict with a wild animal occurs the best solution is to relocate the animal. Relocating animals may in fact cause more harm than good.

Limited Resources - Resources are limited and animals may have a hard time meeting their basic needs such as food, water and shelter especially when placed in unfamiliar areas.

Not Welcome in New Areas - Wildlife will most likely be relocated to an area where other wildlife already live who may not welcome newcomers. This adds to stress, conflict and can lead to injury or death.

Spread of Disease - Moving animals can result in the introduction or spread of diseases such as rabies.

Animals May Return - When placed in unfamiliar areas with unwelcoming neighbours, competition for food, water and shelter and the possible separation from family, the relocated animal may return home.

Not a Long Term Solution – Animals will continue to live in an area with adequate sources of food, water and shelter.