

# HASTINGS-ON-HUDSON POLICE DEPARTMENT



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Dear Resident,

There has been an increase in coyote sightings throughout our village. Although there are not any known issues with these animals, the following recommendations being offered were obtained from the Department of Environmental Conservation website. Please click on this link to obtain further information regarding coyotes. <https://www.dec.ny.gov/animals/6971.html>

## Coyote Recommendations

Below are steps you should take to reduce and prevent coyote problems from occurring. For additional information see our [wildlife damage control](#) page.

- **Do not feed coyotes and discourage others from doing so** (also see "[Feeding Wildlife: a wrong choice](#)").
- **Unintentional food sources attract coyotes and other wildlife and increase risks to people and pets.** To reduce risks:
  - Do not feed pets outside.
  - Make any garbage inaccessible to coyotes and other animals.
  - Eliminate availability of bird seed. Concentrations of birds and rodents that come to feeders can attract coyotes. If you see a coyote near your birdfeeder, clean up waste seed and spillage to remove the attractant.
- **Do not allow coyotes to approach people or pets.**
- Teach children to appreciate coyotes from a distance.
- If you see a coyote, **be aggressive** in your behavior - stand tall and hold arms out to look large. If a coyote lingers for too long, then make loud noises, wave your arms, or throw sticks and stones.
- Do not allow pets to run free. Supervise all outdoor pets to keep them safe from coyotes and other wildlife, especially at sunset and at night.
- Regulated hunting and trapping increases the "fear" coyotes have towards people.
- Fencing your yard may deter coyotes. The fence should be tight to the ground, preferably extending six inches below ground level, and taller than 4 feet.

- Remove brush and tall grass from around your property to reduce protective cover for coyotes. Coyotes are typically secretive and like areas where they can hide. See "[Tips to Eliminate Wildlife Conflicts](#)" for more information.
- Contact your local police department and NYSDEC regional office for assistance if you notice that coyotes are exhibiting "bold" behaviors and have little or no fear of people.
- Ask your neighbors to follow these same steps.