Check This List When You Want To Keep Coyotes, Wolves and Foxes Away From Your Back Door

Feeding wild animals might seem like an act of kindness, but it is not. Feeding wildlife is illegal and usually ends in a death sentence for the animal. When foxes, coyotes and wolves become habituated to unnatural food sources they can lose their fear of humans.

A wild animal that has become conditioned this way can be a danger to itself and to the general public.

In some cases, wild animals that frequent residential areas can be live-trapped and relocated. But if the animal has become a nuisance to the extent that it kills domestic animals or threatens people, it must be destroyed.

What you can do:
• Don’t feed or leave food out for foxes, coyotes or wolves.
• Don’t attract wildlife with carelessly stored garbage and compost.
• Make sure your garbage and compost put out for pick-up are secure against scavengers.
• Keep meat and dairy products out of backyard compost systems, and ensure your compost is completely enclosed with a secure lid.
• Store pet food indoors or lock it up outdoors.

• Vaccinate your pets.
• Keep your pets indoors or safely tied in a well-lit and fenced yard.
• Prevent any interaction between your pets and wildlife – walk dogs on a leash all the time.
• Do not touch the fecal waste of foxes, coyotes and wolves.
• Set an example for your children. Teach them how to behave around wild animals. If you or your child sees a wild animal that is threatening, be big, be loud and never run.
• Talk to your neighbours, educate them on the risks to the community and to wildlife associated with feeding foxes, coyotes, wolves and any wild animals.

If you see a fox, coyote or wolf acting aggressively, call 1-800-661-0525

If you suspect someone is feeding wildlife, call 1-800-661-0525.

We can all do our part to help keep the wild in wildlife.