

COYOTE SAFETY

Tips to keep coyotes away:



Do not leave small pets in backyard unattended



Feed your pets indoors and do not leave pet food outside



Pick up fallen fruit from trees off the ground



Protect all water sources including pools

If you spot a coyote...

Haze it by making yourself big and loud



Then...

Log onto the Coyote Cacher to report your encounter

Welcome to Coyote Cacher

Dear Coyote Cacher,

Coyote Cacher is part of a research project with the University of California Cooperative Extension that aims to collect more information on coyote encounters in California. The information you provide will be used to help inform researchers of trends in human-coyote interactions. If you wish to participate in the survey, please see the survey below to answer some questions. Participation is voluntary. If you require more information about this process please contact Human-Wildlife Interactions Advisor Dr. Nathi Quinn at nquinn@ucanr.edu at University of California Cooperative Extension, Orange County.

If you want to see where encounters are in your neighborhood, please click [here](#) for an interactive coyote encounter map.

Use the following button to submit a coyote encounter

[Report Coyote Encounter](#)

Alerts!

If you would like to sign up for coyote encounter email alerts for your zip code, please register [here](#). Refer to the table below for an explanation of the alert levels.



Coyote sightings and attacks on pets in Costa Mesa have been on the rise in recent months. The City offers the following tips to help curb the coyote problem.

- Do not feed coyotes.
- Eliminate sources of water, particularly in dry climates.
- Position bird feeders so that coyotes can't get to the feed. Coyotes are attracted by bread, table scraps, and even seed. Coyotes may also be attracted by birds and rodents that come to the feeders.
- Do not discard edible garbage where coyotes can get to it.
- Secure garbage containers and eliminate garbage odors.
- Feed pets indoors whenever possible. Pick up any leftovers if feeding outdoors.
- Store pet and livestock feed where it is inaccessible to wildlife.
- Trim and clean, near ground level, any shrubbery that provides hiding cover for coyotes or prey.
- Fencing your yard could deter coyotes. The fence should be at least six feet high with the bottom extending at least six inches below the ground for best results.
- Do not leave small children unattended outside if coyotes have been frequenting the area.
- Do not allow pets to run free.
- Keep pets safely confined and provide secure nighttime housing for them.
- Walk your dog on a leash and accompany your pet outside, especially at night.
- Discourage coyotes from frequenting your area. If you start seeing coyotes around your home or property, chase them away by shouting, making loud noises, or throwing rocks.