

COYOTE YARD AUDIT CHECKLIST

We encourage you to take steps to eliminate attractants on your property in order to minimize conflicts with coyotes. We also urge you to share this information with friends and neighbors because minimizing conflicts is most effective when the entire neighborhood works together.

If you would like assistance completing this checklist, or have any questions, email coyote@mysanibel.com or call the City of Sanibel Natural Resources Department at (239) 472-3700.

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FOOD:			Never hand-feed or intentionally feed a coyote!
Pet Food			Never feed pets outdoors; store all pet food securely indoors.
Bird Feeders			Remove bird feeders or clean fallen seed to reduce the presence of small mammals that coyotes prefer to eat.
Fallen Fruit			Clean up fallen fruit around trees.
Compost			Do not include meat or dairy among compost contents unless fully enclosed.
BBQ Grills			Clean up food around barbeque grills after each use.
Trash			Secure all trash containers with locking lids and place curbside the morning of trash pick-up. Periodically clean cans to reduce residual odors.
WATER:			Remove water attractants. Bird baths should be elevated out of coyote reach.
SHELTER:			Restrict access under decks and sheds, around woodpiles, or any other structure than can provide cover or denning sites for coyotes or their prey.
LANDSCAPING:			Regularly inspect and manage vegetation to reduce opportunities for denning and/or foraging.
FENCING:			Fences must comply with all applicable City regulations. While fences may deter coyotes and other wildlife from entering your yard, do not assume that any fence is 100% effective.
PETS:			Never leave pets unattended outside.
			Never allow pets to “play” with coyotes.
			Fully enclose outdoor pet cages or kennels.
			Walk pets on a leash no longer than 6 feet in length.
			Before letting pets out at night, make noise and flash lights to startle coyotes or other wildlife that might be in your yard.
			Be extra cautious when walking your pet at dusk and dawn.