



WILDLIFE

Prepare and Share

Here are some tips to help you prepare if you encounter wildlife. Please share this information with family and friends.

If You See a Bear:

- Observe it from a distance.
- Advertise your presence by shouting and waving your arms or walk slowly away.
- Never attempt to feed or attract bears.

Do Not Feed Coyotes! This includes leaving food for outdoor, food scraps, and unsecured garbage bins. Clean up under bird feeders so not to attract mice, squirrels, etc., which are a food source to coyotes.

Scare Them Away! Called "hazing," if you see a coyote; shout, bang pots, or shake a metal can filled with stones or pennies. If a coyote enters your yard, throw a stick at it or spray it with a garden hose.

Keep Small Animals Inside! Cats and small dogs can become a meal for a hungry coyote. Supervise your small pet when it is outside. Consider installing exterior lighting and fencing for protection.

When Walking your leashed dog, if you see a coyote, do NOT run. Bring your dog close to your side and leave the area. Do not turn around, back away. Dogs can sometimes trigger territorial aggression in coyotes.

Rabies can be transmitted by any mammal, including coyotes. If you see any mammal that is unable to walk, is staggering, displaying extreme lethargy, or appears "drunk" call the West Hartford Police Animal Control, 860-570-8818.

For more information on how to prepare, please visit the FEMA website at [ready.gov](https://www.fema.gov/ready)

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Emergencies: 911

Non-Emergencies/Urgent Assistance: 860-523-5203

Animal Control Voicemail: 860-570-8818

<https://www.westhartfordct.gov/resident-services/animals-pets>

