



# TOWNSHIP OF WEST ORANGE

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### Wildlife Information

Please be advised from time to time there have been sightings of coyotes in West Orange. The following is a web link [http://www.state.nj.us/dep/fgw/coyote\\_info.htm](http://www.state.nj.us/dep/fgw/coyote_info.htm) that the New Jersey Fish and Wildlife Division of the NJDEP has developed to explain and assist residents on what to do to deter coyotes from the property and what to do if they encounter them. Coyotes travel mainly during nighttime and will prey on small animals so do not leave pets outside unattended. Please contact the West Orange Health Department at 973-325-4120 if you see a coyote. If you do see a coyote that does not show fear of humans, especially during the day, contact the Health Department or the Police Department at 973-325-4000. Do not feed or approach a coyote. Please read the guidelines in the NJDEP web link and call the West Orange Health Department to report a coyote sighting within the Township. The Health Department is reporting the locations to the State in an effort to monitor their activity.

West Orange has many other forms of wildlife, such as raccoons, fox, skunks, wild turkeys, deer, birds, bats and other small animals that live among us without much disturbance. Wildlife may live in neighborhoods, wooded areas, on golf courses and County reservations most times unseen. State requirements do not permit municipalities to trap wildlife for nuisance type complaints but residents should contact the Health Department if animals appear aggressive or lethargic which may indicate disease. For more detailed information please visit <https://www.state.nj.us/dep/fgw/wildlife.htm>

Residents may help to deter wildlife by:

- Keep garbage and recycling in covered containers
- Use animal proof bird feeders and pick up seed that falls on the ground
- Do Not feed birds or animals by placing bread or food on the ground
- Remove or invert containers from collecting water
- Trim tree branches that are close to the house, especially the roof
- Maintain properties free of weeds, high grass and debris that may serve as a habitat
- Remove fruit that has fallen from trees
- Do Not leave pet food or water outside and clean up pet waste
- Close in raised decks and porches and repair openings in structures to prevent harborage
- Do Not leave pets outside unattended
- NEVER APPROACH WILDLIFE TO FEED OR TOUCH. LEAVE THEM ALONE.

The Animal Control Officers will respond to wildlife in the living portion of the home 24/7. Please contact the Police Department for animal emergencies after working hours, weekends and holidays at 973-325-4000.