



Frequently Asked Questions

BE COYOTE SMART

Why are coyotes more visible in Brampton? Why is the City not relocating them?

- While many people believe it is unusual to see coyotes on a city road or sidewalk, it is actually very common. They are very adaptable animals and thrive in rural areas, but also do well living in ravines, valley lands and wooded areas in large cities like Brampton.
- Relocating or killing coyotes is not an option, it is extremely difficult to capture one and is a temporary approach. If one coyote is removed, it will result in others moving into the area.
- Capturing and relocating coyotes more than one kilometre away is not permitted under Ontario's Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act.

Why are there more sightings in Brampton over the course of the year?

- Depending on the season, there will be more or less sightings. Every winter, coyotes become more visible due to environment changes as there is much less for them to blend into.
- Late January to mid-February is mating season and soon thereafter, spring is pupping season. During this time, coyotes are likely to be more dispersed, looking for vacant territory or potential mates and den sites.
- Sightings have also increased due to human behaviours resulting in the coyotes feeling more comfortable and approaching homes more frequently (i.e. hand feeding, not cleaning up yards, walking dogs off-leash).

How can I help prevent coyotes from coming to my home?

- **Never feed wildlife.** Food sources on your property attract rodents and other small animals, which are food sources for coyotes.
- **Put your garbage out on the day of pick up.** Keep your garbage bins covered and in an area protected from wildlife.
- **Pick ripened fruit or vegetables from your trees and gardens.** Clear any rotten fruit from the ground as it falls, and clear your gardens at the end of the season.
- **Do not leave pets unattended outside.** Watching your pet in your own backyard is the best defence for them.
- **Cover any gaps in fences and under decks and sheds.**



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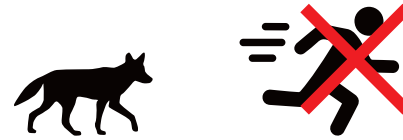


What do I do if a coyote approaches me?

- **STOP.** Pick up children and small pets if necessary.



- **STAND STILL.** Never run from a coyote.



- **MAKE YOURSELF BIGGER.** Appear aggressive, stand tall, wave your arms high in the air.



- **BE LOUD AND ASSERTIVE.** Shout, stomp your feet or clap your hands. Carry a noise maker i.e. whistle, plastic bag or umbrella to make a popping sound.



- **FIGHT BACK.** Throw some sticks or rocks in the general direction of the coyote to scare and deter. Do not throw it directly at the coyote.



- **SLOWLY BACK AWAY.** Maintain eye contact and remember, **never run.**



We encourage you to share this with your children so they too know how to safely respond to a coyote. In the event that a coyote is presenting an immediate threat to public safety, **call 911.**



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For more information on living with coyotes, please contact:

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