



City of San Marino

Dear Residents,

The San Marino Police Department continues to receive phone calls from residents regarding coyotes in their neighborhoods. This message is a reminder what you can do to prevent contact with these animals and ensure the safety of yourself and your pets. Coyotes are considered “Urban Wildlife,” which just means they are wildlife that are able to thrive or live in urban environments. Coyotes are drawn to urban areas for food, water, shelter, and unattended pets. You can mitigate your interaction with Coyotes by:

- Removing bird feeders, bird baths, and pet food from your yard
- Securely contain garbage, compost, and gardens
- Clean BBQs
- Keep your yard clear of overgrown plants, trim bushes at least one foot off the ground, and close crawl spaces

If you should come face to face with a coyote, do not run away. You should raise your arms and shout at the coyote. Stomping your feet and making noise will cause the coyote to run away. Don't stop making noise until the coyote runs away. If you are in your yard, you can use the water hose to spray the coyote, or you can throw something at it, like a tennis ball. These actions are referred to as hazing and you should keep hazing the coyote until it is gone from your sight. Additionally, passive methods of hazing that are effective include, motion-sensing sprinklers, coyote roller fencing, ammonia soaked rags, and predator urine.

Neither the San Marino Police Department nor the Pasadena Humane Society have jurisdiction over wildlife. You may report observations of coyotes in the City here, <https://www.cityofsanmarino.org/FormCenter/Police-4/Coyote-Reporting-Form-74>

If there is an emergency please call **911**.

General information about coyotes may be found at, <https://pasadenahumane.org/animal-control/wildlife/>
For concerns on brazen Coyotes, contact the local Department of Fish and Wildlife office at (858) 467-4201.

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