

# CWC Wildlife Proofing Quick Tips

- Cap all chimneys, ducts, and any openings that will allow raccoons, birds, squirrels, chipmunks, bats and mice to get inside and nest
- Garbage out after 6AM not the night before - many species are nocturnal and forage for food at night
- Birdfeeders are mouse and rat attractors in addition to song birds, squirrels and chipmunks- hawks, owls and eagles are capable of preying on domestic cats, small dogs
- Do not leave pet food bowls outdoors
- Ensure pets are leashed and cats kept indoors
- Never feed stray or feral cats outdoors
- Remove unwanted brush piles and any fallen, rotting fruit beneath trees
- Seal up abandoned buildings, decks, sheds, and out buildings
- Secure composting containers by making them 'animal proof' with heavy locked lids
- Do not compost meat and egg products
- Put all meat and food trash out to the curb day of pick up (NOT THE NIGHT BEFORE)
- Seasonal cottages are prime winter homes for wildlife- secure and ensure they are impenetrable over the winter months
- Clean grills and outdoor cook areas, leaving no food items behind
- Trim branches that hang over homes/garages
- Ensure all livestock and outdoor pets are in safe and properly constructed enclosures
- Properly remove or dispose of dead stock from pastures immediately
- and animal feces which may attract wildlife to an area
- Never corner wildlife - provide them with an escape route
- Before sealing any holes and openings ensure that all babies and adults have vacated - patience goes a long way when working with wildlife
- Need help? Call a reputable wildlife company that practices removal/release
- Never attempt to tame wildlife, harass, or cause unnecessary harm
- Become proactive. Identify, repair, and eliminate any potential attractants in and around your home and property today



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