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How To Get Rid of Coyotes

There have been several reports of coyotes in the Park on Florence HOA as well as in the Broken Arrow City Limits. Here are a few tips for dealing with the Wylie critter.

How to Get Rid of Coyotes - Coyotes have only recently become a pest because the coyote population continues to explode while their territory is getting smaller and smaller. What does this mean for the interaction between coyotes and humans? As the coyote's habitat gets smaller and their population grows, they have to live by humans to get food and shelter. The coyote is the size of a medium sized dog, but much smaller than a wolf. Their coats can range in colors, but the usual coat color is a tan, gray white mixture. You can tell a coyote from a dog because they are very skittish of humans and they are much skinnier than the average dog. The howl of a coyote is unmistakable and very annoying as it sounds like a baby crying or a dying animal.

Coyotes are not usually considered pests, but now that they are encroaching upon our backyards there are some behaviors that are not conducive to that arrangement. Coyotes play an important part in keeping the rodent population controlled, but they will also snack on your family pet if given the opportunity. Coyotes will also break into your garbage cans and make a huge mess. For light sleepers, coyotes can be a really big problem because they are mainly active at night and their howls are very loud. When coyotes get together, or if it is mating season, the howls are particularly irritating. If you have coyotes lurking around your backyard, you probably want to get rid of them as soon as possible. Try some of these suggestions and you will be coyote free in no time.

The best way to get rid of coyotes without harming them is to take away their food sources. You can do this several ways. Stop feeding your dogs and cats outside and keep their food inside all the time so the coyote cannot steal the food off of your porch at night. The next thing you must do is to secure your trash cans in your garage or in a special shed that is made just for your garbage cans. Also, keep fallen fruit off the ground and build a fence around your garden.

- The other way that you can take away a coyote's food source is to significantly reduce your rodent population. The best way to do this is to keep the property clean, and free of food sources, like garbage or grains. You can set outdoor trapping stations, but that won't significantly reduce rat numbers. I don't recommend poisoning rats or any animal. Cats can also lower the rat and mouse population on your property, but you may want to rethink having outdoor cats if you have coyotes around, because cats are a coyote's favorite snack.
- Try to keep your yard very maintained, like making sure your grass is cut short and your bushes and trees are trimmed. This takes away the coyote's opportunities for shelter. If they have nowhere that they feel safe enough to sleep in during the day, they will not stick around, especially if they have no food.



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Message from the Board

To report a code violation of any kind such as un-mowed lawns or trash build up in a yard, or to report street lights that are out, call the city's Action Center at 918-258-3587 or email action@brokenarrowok.gov. Make sure to include the address of the property in question as well as your address and phone number so someone from the city can follow up with you.

Next association meeting is scheduled for Monday July 11, 2016 @ 6:45pm. All Park on Florence homeowners are welcome to attend. Meetings are held at the South Broken Arrow Library.

Board Officers

President: Mark Eley
 Vice President: Bud Heck
 Secretary: Mauri Neese
 Treasurer: Julie Hogan

Next Board Meeting
 Tuesday, January 12, 2016
 South Broken Arrow Library
 3600 S. Chestnut Avenue
 6:45 pm

HOA Notes

April 23—Annual Spring Garage Sale

The HOA annual spring garage sale will be held April 23, please pass the word to any friends or family whom may be interested participating either as a seller or buyer. As in the past South Park HOA will also be holding a garage sale in conjunction with The Park on Florence.

Park on Florence Trash Service Schedule

Trash pickup is Tuesdays and Fridays

If a route cannot be completed on schedule, trash will be picked up first thing the following morning.

Holiday Schedule

If a holiday falls on a Monday, the Tuesday pickup will be delayed until Wednesday. If a holiday falls on Tuesday or Friday, your trash will be picked up on your next regular pickup day.

April 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 April Fools Day	2
3	4 HOA Meeting @ 6:45 S. BA Library	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23 Annual Spring HOA Garage Sale
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

May 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 Love You Mom Mothers Day	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30 Memorial Day	31				
Thanks to all service men & women						

Farmers Market 2016

The 2016 Rose District Farmers Market is set to open at 8:00am on Saturday, April 23. The location this year will be at the corner of Dallas St. and First St. Market hours are 8:00am to noon every Saturday.

Broken Arrow Animal Control

If you have a complaint of excessive barking dogs, loose dogs, cats, or if you have a problem with a wild animal such as a opossum, skunk, rabbits, etc, please contact the Broken Arrow Animal Control. 918-259-8311,

email: www.baanimalshelter.com.

Contact Information

If you would like to place an ad, sponsor an issue, submit an article or suggestion please contact the Editor, Mark Eley at newsletter@theparkonflorence.org.

If you live in the Park on Florence and you would like to make an announcement about a new baby, school or club event, community organization or your business, email us and we'll announce it in the next newsletter free of charge. Space is limited, first come first served. Ads must follow newsletter formatting requirements.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 Flag Day 	15	16	17	18
19 Father Day	20 Summer Begins 	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		