



WEST CHESTER TOWNSHIP
FACT SHEET
Wildlife Management - Coyotes

COYOTES

Information provided by The Ohio Department of Natural Resources

- Coyotes are territorial, preferring to stay in one general area. Coyotes are nocturnal animals; however, when they are less threatened by man, they will hunt and move from place to place during the day.
- Coyotes hunt small mammals including shrews, voles and rabbits, but will also eat grasses, fruit and vegetation. Coyotes adapt their diets to the available food source.
- Coyotes' primary threat is man, but because of their nocturnal habits its contact with humans is reduced.
- A coyote is capable of breeding and producing offspring with a number of its cousins including the domestic dog.
- The few reported attacks by coyotes of humans have involved injured coyotes approached by humans.
- While Ohio law is fairly lenient on hunting coyote with an appropriate license, West Chester Police strictly enforce ORC 2923.162 with regard to the discharge of a firearm.
- To discourage coyotes on your property, wildlife experts suggest that residents refrain from feeding any wildlife including birds. Pets should also be fed indoors.
- A well-lighted yard will also discourage coyotes.
- Pets should be monitored carefully when put outdoors at night, especially when yards are not protected by a fence.
- If you see a coyote approaching your property, make loud noises and even throw things at it from a safe distance to discourage its approach.
- Never approach wildlife that appears injured or sick.
- There are private, licensed companies that eliminate coyotes through trapping and other means. Please be aware of potential risks involved and contact Ohio Department of Natural Resources for advice.

For more information, call Aaron Ireland of The Ohio Department of Natural Resources, 937-372-5639, ext. 5207