

## Coyote Deterrent Techniques

- Do not approach wildlife.
- Do not feed wildlife, causing them to become habituated to humans and their homes. Avoid overflowing bird feeders.
- Keep all garbage containers closed and inaccessible. Adding ammonia or pepper spray to trash can discourage rummaging.
- Be sure grills and barbeques are kept clean to avoid attracting animals. Clean up after fruit bearing trees.
- Obey leash laws. Small dogs on the loose are attractive prey for coyotes, especially at night. Cats should be kept indoors, along with pet food and water bowls.
- Coyotes are creatures of habit and can learn our routines. To avoid encounters, vary the time of day or route used for walking your pet.
- Don't invite coyotes to build dens next to or under your home: seal crawl spaces or decks, concrete slabs, porches, and sheds with welded wire: keep garage doors closed.
- Thin out, trim, and clear away shrubbery and ground cover vegetation that may provide cover for prey or for coyotes.
- Use motion sensor lights for front, back or side yards.
- Provide supervision at all times for small children.
- ***Encourage neighbors to follow these techniques.***

### **If a coyote encounter occurs, do the following:**

- Make loud noises, shout, clap your hands
- Blow a whistle
- Bang 2 pots together
- Wave your arms
- Carry a walking stick
- Stand your ground, have a bold front, and DON'T RUN
- Spray it with the garden hose
- Report bold behavior to FPD (630) 933-7200
- Report sick or injured wildlife in Naperville to NAC (630) 420-6178

