

Appendix 5: Yard Audit

This audit is designed to be distributed to homeowners and used on individual properties. Homeowners are encouraged to share this audit with neighbors and community members because minimizing interactions with coyotes works best when entire communities work together. (City of Mequon Coyote Nuisance Management and Response Plan Policy)

Item	OK	FIX	N/A	Ways to Mitigate
Food				NEVER hand-feed or intentionally feed a coyote!
Pet Food				Never feed pets outdoors; store all pet food securely indoors.
Water Sources				Remove water attractants such as pet water bowls, and open water buckets. Cover rain barrels.
Bird Feeders				Remove bird feeders or clean fallen seed to reduce the presence of small mammals that coyotes prefer to eat.
Fallen Fruit				Clean up fallen fruit around trees.
Compost				Do not include meat, fat, or dairy among compost contents unless compost bin is fully enclosed.
Outdoor Grills				Clean up food around outdoor grills and clean drip-trays after each use. Keep grill cover closed when not in use.
Trash				Secure all trash containers with locking lids. Periodically clean cans to reduce residual odors.
Landscaping				Trim vegetation to reduce hiding places and potential denning sites.
Structures/ Outbuildings				Restrict access under decks and sheds, around wood piles, or any other structure that can provide cover or denning sites for coyotes or their prey.
Fencing				Establish a 6-foot fence (only as permitted by City code and/or Homeowner Association [HOA] regulations) to deter coyotes. Ensure that there are no gaps and that the bottom of the fence extends underground 6 inches or is fitted with a mesh apron to deter coyotes from digging underneath. Roller-bars can be installed to prevent coyotes from climbing fences.
Pets				Never leave pets unattended outside, even in fenced yard
				Never allow pets to “play” with coyotes.
				Fully enclose outdoor pet kennels.
				Obey leash laws and walk pets on a lead no longer than 6’.