



Here's the complete list of things you can do to reduce the chances of wildlife conflict on your property and prepare your property for wildfire. Below is the full list of helpful tips. At the end of this document is a list of contact information.

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## 27 THINGS YOU CAN DO TO REDUCE CONFLICTS WITH WILDLIFE

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As patrons of this wildlife mecca, we encourage responsible and respectful homeowner practices to reduce wildlife conflicts.

1. Please refrain from feeding wildlife. It's against the law.
2. Keep birdfeeders 10' off the ground, and 4' away from tree trunks – and use catch pans.
3. Remove birdfeeders altogether from March to November when bears are active. Remember, "a fed bear is a dead bear".
4. Use bear resistant trash containers and/or secure garbage in a hardsided structure.
5. Avoid planting berry bushes, which attract bears.
6. Keep pets on leashes and pet food inside.
7. Close areas under structures that could provide shelter for cougars.
8. Keep grills clean and/or store them inside.
9. Make compost that's free of meat, fish, fruit, and grass clippings.
10. In areas with bears, use electric fences for backyard poultry operations.
11. Clear snow banks near driveways and neighborhood entrances to increase visibility and decrease wildlife vehicle collisions.
12. Use fencing only when necessary and use wildlife friendly fencing. For more information, visit <http://tetonconservation.org/programs/fencing.php>.
13. Use exclusionary fencing for stored hay, grain, and vegetable gardens.
14. Allow ponds to freeze naturally in the winter. If a pond must be aerated, place a line of aerators from deep to shallow water so moose have an escape route if they fall through the ice.

15. Hang Christmas lights above 10 feet to prevent moose, deer, and elk from becoming entangled. Pick up other entanglement hazards from your property, including ropes, wires, plastic fencing, nets, and hammocks.
16. Use ecofriendly chemicals in ponds and on lawns.
17. Teach your children how to behave safely around wildlife. Give wildlife a lot of space and never try to pet or pick up baby wildlife.
18. Read, understand, and follow existing town and county regulations that pertain to wildlife.
19. Implement Dark Skies practices (shades, motion sensors, timers, etc.) to reduce excess light pollution.
20. Never pick up or handle baby animals or fledgling birds.
21. Prevent bird strikes by placing birdfeeders away from windows.
22. Include long grass and bird boxes into your landscape design for kestrels.
23. Avoid using rat poisons.
24. If you find an injured, ill, or orphaned bird, call the Teton Raptor Center at 307.203.2551.
25. If you find an injured animal or an animal acting strangely, call the Wyoming Game and Fish Department at 307.733.2321.
26. Never allow dogs to roam unattended. Dogs will instinctually chase and sometimes kill wildlife. Also, wildlife such as moose, elk, bears, cougars, and even deer can injure or kill dogs.
27. Place nesting boxes on a high pole or high on the side of a building to protect against predators.

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## Contact Information

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- Jackson Hole Conservation Alliance [http://www.jhalliance.org/contact\\_us](http://www.jhalliance.org/contact_us)
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