

## DO NOT FEED WILDLIFE!!

You may think you are doing the animals a favor by feeding them but you are not. The Humane Society Wildlife Land Trust explains why:

1. "People" food is not good for animals. Human food does not have enough nutrition for animals and may cause serious health problems.
2. Feeding a wild animal will cause the animal to lose a natural fear of people. Wild, potentially dangerous animals should not get comfortable in residential or recreational areas. Animals who become used to people can become a nuisance and/or a safety risk.
3. Wild animals could cause injuries or be injured if they start to depend on people. Crowding and competitiveness can lead to fighting and injury if many animals are feeding from the same source. Crossing a street can be dangerous for an animal. Feeding wildlife close to a den can let predators know where young animals live.

Some things you should do:

1. Rinse your recyclable containers. The smell can attract animals.
2. Feed your pets indoors.
3. Securely cover your outdoor trash cans.

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