

**Appendix B:
YARD AUDIT CHECKLIST**

For Municipal or Homeowner Use

Check for	Attractant	If checked, mitigate by:
	Coyotes intentionally being fed/hand fed	Report activity to Hudson Police Dept.
	Pet food/water containers left outside	Never leave food containers outside unattended
	Compost container present	Ensure no meat or dairy is being put in compost
	Bird feeders present	Ensure bird seed is cleaned up daily
	Fruit trees present	Ensure fallen fruit is cleaned up daily
	Trash cans have loose, or no, lids	Install lids and ensure lids fit tightly
	There are areas of standing water	Fill in depressions that are holding water
	There are objects holding water (ex. Tires)	Remove objects
	Bird baths present	Ensure bird baths are at least 2 feet off the ground
	BBQ grill present	Clean areas around BBQ grills weekly
	Piles of brush/tree trimmings on the property	Properly get rid of brush piles and tree trimmings
	Decks and porch on the property	Fence off any gaps with fence buried at least 1 foot
	Groundhog holes present	Trap groundhogs if present, fill holes afterwards
	Junk pile present	Properly get rid of junk pile
	Shed or outbuilding on property	Ensure there are no holes in the structure and doors are secure
	Stacks of firewood present	Limit the amount of stacked firewood or store in a structure
	Electronic dog fence used	Do not leave dog unattended, or put on a lead, at night
	Dogs are walked outside	Ensure dogs are on a leash at all times
	Cats are let outside	Keep cats indoors at all times (or at least from sunset to sunrise)

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