



DOGS AND CATS

City and State laws require all dogs and cats over the age of six months to have a valid rabies inoculation. A collar and rabies tag must be displayed on the animal at all times. City tags are available for purchase at City Hall. City tags expire yearly on April 30th. Dogs and cats are required to be restrained at all times, even while on the property. Should your animal become lost, please contact the Police Department at 630-530-3050 and advise the front desk officer. The information will be filed so your animal can be returned once it is found. All stray animals that are not able to be returned to an owner are impounded at the DuPage Animal Hospital, 377 E. North Ave., Villa Park, 630-834-8242. The animal will remain there for up to three days before being transferred to the DuPage County Animal Control.



Deterring wildlife from visiting your property is the most effective way to discourage nuisance wildlife problems.

Taking the time to make changes will greatly reduce your chances of unwanted guests.



Visit our website for more Wildlife Management information:

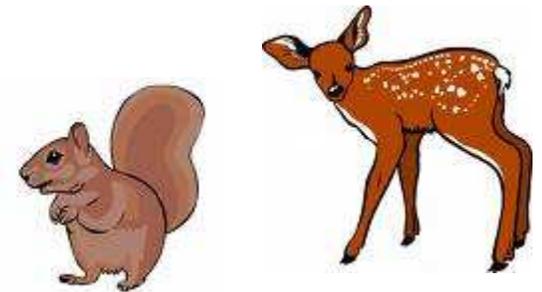
www.elmhurst.org/police

Or call:

630-530-3050



ELMHURST POLICE DEPARTMENT



WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT



TIPS FOR MANAGING WILDLIFE

- Keep garbage cans inside garage/shed to reduce temptation for animals. If garbage cannot be kept inside, make sure the lids are secure at all times
- Do not feed wildlife or leave food (pet food) outside where it is assessable.
- Keep bird feeders to a minimum and clean fallen seed often.
- Gardens and water features are a large attraction for wildlife. Enclosing these areas with fencing, using motion activated lights and sprinklers. and placing scent deterrents will help discourage wildlife.
- Trim tree branches that hang over roofs to prevent the animal from having access to the roof. Cap chimneys and use hardware cloth to cover openings to soffits, vents and fans.
- Trim overgrown or dense bushes around decks and stoops. This provides cover for the animal to dig under these structures.
- Use hardware cloth for raised decks and sheds to prevent animals from going under them.



- Implement Grub control into your yearly lawn treatment. Grub control should be applied the last week in June through the first week in July. Heavy watering of your lawn encourages grub growth.
- Use sound and light to harass the animal if it has made a home in your attic or under the stoop, deck or shed. Place a radio next to the hole and keep it on 24/7. Push a set of blinking Christmas lights into the hole and leave them on 24/7. This will reduce the animal's ability to rest and most of the time they move on.

The internet provides a vast amount of information on ways to deter the wildlife from entering your property and ways to harass them once they have arrived. There are also great illustrations on ways to fix damage that has occurred.



Check out these websites:

<http://web.extension.illinois.edu/wildlife/>

www.elmhurst.org/index.asp?nid=309

www.projectwildlife.org

www.projectwildlife.org/living-skunks.htm

www.wildlifemanagement.info/home.htm

www.willowbrookwildlife.com

www.flintcreek.org

