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Wildlife tips from The Woodlands Township

THE WOODLANDS, TEXAS (December 21, 2018) – The Woodlands Township encourages residents to become informed and remain vigilant about safety around wildlife in the community.

The Woodlands is situated in a vibrant forest, which is a natural habitat for a variety of wildlife such as coyotes, deer, opossums, foxes, armadillos, snakes and more. As neighborhoods have developed, the community has preserved many areas of natural habitat for wildlife. However, in the cold of winter, wildlife may approach neighborhoods and more densely populated areas in search of food and shelter.

There are numerous steps residents can take to reduce the appeal of their yard and surrounding areas as refuge for wildlife.

- **Do not provide shelter.** Repair gaps in fences, cover air vent pipes, seal openings around pipes, stack firewood at least 18 inches from the ground and clean up trash, debris and brush piles.
- **Protect your pets.** Do not leave pets unsupervised or allow them to run free. Provide pets with a secure place to sleep at night and ensure that pet doors are latched in the evenings.
- **Do not provide food or water to wildlife.** Remove uneaten pet food before nightfall, store pet food and birdseed indoors, clean up spillage from birdfeeders, secure garbage cans with tight-fitting lids and repair any leaky exterior faucets that provide water.

Please remember that many animals are protected by state and federal law, and The Woodlands Covenants prohibit the discharge of weapons in the community. By law, only licensed individuals are permitted to relocate skunks, bats, raccoons and foxes.

If you have any questions or wish to report a nuisance wildlife sighting, please call the Township at 281-210-3800. To report potentially dangerous wildlife, please call Texas Parks and Wildlife at 512-389-4848. For detailed information about wildlife, conservation and safety when encountering wildlife, please visit <https://tpwd.texas.gov>.

For more information about The Woodlands Township, please call 281-210-3800 or visit www.thewoodlandstowship-tx.gov.