

Coyote Information

The wary nature of coyotes and their remarkable adaptability has allowed them to quadruple their range throughout North America over the past several years. As a result, communities across the country are encountering coyotes and experiencing conflicts they have never had to face before. The presence of coyotes in a community can be somewhat alarming to those who are not used to living with them.

Does Eradication Work?

Contacting wildlife removal professionals is the best way to eliminate aggressive coyote populations. Nonetheless, it is nearly impossible to completely eradicate coyotes from an area. Despite bounties and large-scale efforts to kill coyotes over the last 100 years, coyotes have in fact expanded their range throughout the U.S. One study even found that killing 75 percent of a coyote population every year for 50 years would still not exterminate the population.

Removals are costly

Coyotes are intelligent animals and are difficult to catch. Even a skilled trapper or sharpshooter, at a hefty price tag, will need many hours to catch a targeted coyote. This process can last for several weeks and cost upwards of \$10,000 or more.

Trapping is inhumane

- The most common devices used to capture coyotes are leg-hold traps and neck snares. Both can cause severe injuries, pain, and suffering.
- Pets become unintended victims of traps set for coyotes. An informal search of media reports suggests thousands of unintended incidents have occurred, causing heartbreak for the families affected.
- Non-target wild animals are also caught in traps, and many sustain injuries so severe that they die or must be killed.



- ❖ *The Coyote is a protected furbearer in the State of Illinois. As a result, the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) has specific regulations about dealing with Coyotes. In Illinois, a licensed trapper registered through the IDNR is required. For more information on Coyote Removal Services please call **Public Works Director, Brad Woodbury** at **847.913.2381***