



How to Get Rid of Birds When a Neighbor Is Feeding Them

Talk to your neighbor as you might be able to solve the problem with a simple conversation.

Contact your homeowner's association. Your HOA might have specific rules against the feeding of wildlife and they may be able to help.

- **Make the area less appealing to birds by removing all food sources such as berries, seeds, even dog or cat food.**
- **Add silhouettes of predator birds.**
- **Hang flashy or reflective items.**

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Humane Society of the United States
Phone: 866-720-2676
Website:
humanesociety.org/resources/what-do-about-pigeons

For more information about the health effects of pigeon related diseases you may contact National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH)
1 (800) 35-NIOSH, or visit
www.cdc.gov/niosh



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WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT PIGEONS

Information and guidelines



Glendale City Code

Glendale City Code 25-24(j) states that: "It is unlawful for any person to feed pigeons on public property within the City of Glendale. Pigeon means any bird of the family Columbidae and species Columba Livia, commonly known as the rock dove, homing pigeon or carrier pigeon. A violation of this article is a misdemeanor with a civil sanction of not less than \$50.00 nor more than \$150.00"

Please Don't Feed the Pigeons

Pigeons are not pets! Feral pigeons are not afraid of people and roost in almost any area where there is a food source. Where they eat, they leave droppings and feral pigeons are associated with a variety of allergens, bacteria, and other health hazards.

Here are 3 reasons you shouldn't feed the pigeons:

- **It actually hurts the birds!**
Pigeons have to maintain their natural ability to scavenge and find food for themselves. When they are fed by people, they lose that ability and become dependent on people for their survival.
- **Feeding Pigeons Destroys the Ecosystem**
Many people enjoy feeding and watching feral birds, but they are unaware that they may be causing more harm than good. Feeding pigeons creates

unnaturally large pigeon populations and overcrowding can cause disease outbreaks in humans and other wild birds. Keeping a food source around your home for feral pigeons is discouraged. Pigeons are scavengers and providing them with scraps can result in a nutritional deficiency and they lose their natural ability to travel elsewhere to find food.

- **Nothing but Pigeon Poop**
A typical pigeon dispenses about 25 pounds of fecal matter per year. Pigeon-related damage costs cities and homeowners for pest control and sanitation, but an even more dire reminder why you shouldn't feed them are the diseases that can be spread from the droppings. Even with the spikes, nets, and barriers, pigeon-proofing has become a major undertaking. Feral pigeons lay eggs six times a year and breed more rapidly when near a major food source. In our city, feeding pigeons on public property is illegal. If you don't feed the pigeons, they will leave and find their own food source!