

Crows/Ravens

Note - Corvids are highly intelligent omnivores that help control pest insects and “clean up” dead animals and other material.

Issue - getting into the garbage

Suggestions-

- ▶ Cover garbage cans with secure lids
- ▶ Build a box or enclosure for garbage cans, with a closing top, so it is harder for animals to pry lids off the cans. (This works for raccoons too).
- ▶ Keep garbage cans inside a garage until pick-up day.
- ▶ Place heavy rocks on top of cans
- ▶ Use garbage cans designed to be “bear-proof”.

Issue – eating fruit crops

Suggestions –

- ▶ Cover bushes or trees with flexible bird netting. 4 inch mesh will keep crows out, but not smaller birds. Caution – this should be stretched tight, as birds can become entangled in loose netting and be severely injured. Remove after fruit is harvested.
- ▶ Put up mylar scare streamers, balloons, tapes, scarecrows, flags or old CDs strung on thin line, as temporary protection until ripe fruit is harvested.
- ▶ Use recorded crow distress or warning calls to keep them away from the immediate area.

