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Tuscawilla Hills Homeowners

RE: Vultures

Dear Homeowners of Tuscawilla Hills,

Recently a flock of vultures have been roosting in the Tuscawilla Hills Community. Some reasons for this are: they like to sit on pine tree branches, eat dog/cat waste, and garbage left in open containers on homeowner properties. The vulture's waste droppings contain extreme amounts of acid which if land on car/home roofs can cause damage. Be aware that vultures are known to attack and eat small cats and dogs.

Vultures are federally protected by the Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1918. This means that the birds, their nests, and eggs cannot be harmed without a Migratory Bird Depredation Permit. It is perfectly legal to harass vultures to scare them away.

Some methods allowed to scare the vultures away are; sounding a bull horn or spraying vultures with a water hose, making a loud noise with a pot/pan, removing pine trees, hanging a large fake owl from a tree in your yard, and keeping your yard free of animal waste.

Please see the reverse side of this letter for some suggestions on how to get rid of vultures.

Sincerely,

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Ideas on How to Get Rid of Vultures & Buzzards

Even though they are often mistaken for the same animal, buzzards and vultures are two different kinds of birds. Vultures can be recognized by their bald head and neck, while buzzards have feathers in these areas. One thing that these birds have in common is that they feed on carrion and small animals. They are a threat to livestock, and because they roost in flocks, their feces can soil your property. To get rid of these birds, make their roosting options less inviting and scare them away.

Step 1

Obstruct areas where vultures and buzzards roost. Install steel spike strips on areas of your roof where these birds perch and roost. The protruding pointy spikes prevent birds from settling on your rooftop. If trees are the preferred roosting area, remove the trees or cover them in bird netting to keep the buzzards and vultures from landing on them.

Step 2

Move possible food sources out of the pest birds' reach. Move livestock indoors or keep them in a covered, outdoor enclosure. Clean up dead animals on your property because they attract buzzards and vultures.

Step 3

Harass vultures and buzzards. Use a bullhorn and sound off at the birds to disturb them. Avoid continuing after dark because once the birds have settled, your efforts won't be successful. Repeat the "attack" at the same time for seven days. Use loud noises to repel the birds, leaving them physically unharmed.

Step 4

Play a combination of different distress calls to repel buzzards and vultures. Aim a distress call player to the area prone to the pest birds and play the alarming cries. The birds that hear the cries are warned about approaching danger. They refrain from coming to the area or staying in the area.

Step 5

Hang a dead vulture or buzzard near roosting sites of buzzards and vultures. When the pest birds see the dead bird, they are scared away. This repel method requires a permit because buzzards and vultures are protected by state and federal laws.

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