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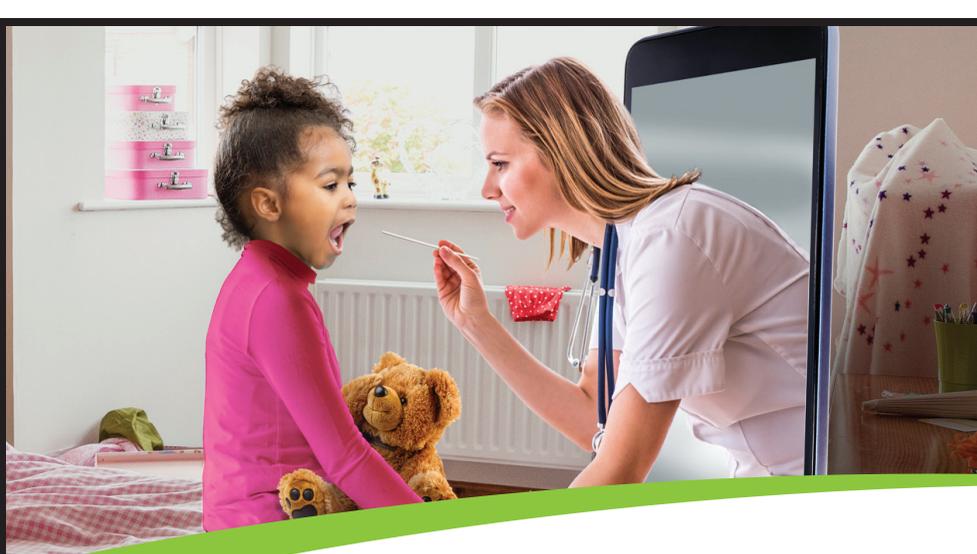
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# EARTH TALK

Questions & Answers About Our Environment

From the Editors of E/The Environmental Magazine

Dear EarthTalk: How is it that fungi can help clean up contaminated soils?

—M. Sharpe, Canton, CT

Like animals, fungi derive energy by breaking down large molecules into smaller compounds. They do so by secreting enzymes and acids

onto whatever it is they intend to consume, and then absorbing the byproducts of this digestion process. While fungi primarily consume biological matter (like dead wood), their enzymes can also break down a wide array of man-made compounds. In fact, fungi are so good at this, we're now employing them to clean up contaminated soils via a technique known as mycoremediation.

Of course, these fungi are just doing what they evolved to do eons ago. Underneath our feet, massive fungal networks run through the soil, with many fungal species developing a symbiotic relationship with plants whereby a part of the fungus (the mycelium) grows adjacent to—

and sometimes inside of—the roots of the plant. The mycelium is capable of breaking down and transporting nutrients and minerals essential for the plant's survival. After detecting and digesting these compounds, the mycelium ferries them to the plant's roots, where they're absorbed. In exchange, the plant releases compounds that are vital for the fungi's survival.

It's the fungi's ability to break down and/or transport compounds that make them useful for restoring damaged soils. Often, these soils have been saturated with dangerous— and relatively large—molecules. By breaking these molecules into smaller pieces, fungi help to reduce their tox-

icity. In other instances, soils are contaminated with fundamental elements such as cadmium, arsenic, and mercury, which can't be broken down. However, fungi still have the ability to uptake and transport these substances, and to eventually concentrate them in their fruiting bodies (mushrooms). We can then remove the fruiting bodies, and the contaminated ecosystem will be one step closer to regaining health.

Fungi can break down and/or absorb a wide range of compounds, including oil and other petroleum products, PAHs, PCBs, PCPs, neurotoxins, airborne pollutants, synthetic dyes, cadmium, lead, arsenic, mercury, copper, dioxins and organophosphates.

If fungi are so effective at cleaning up our environment, why isn't this technique more widespread? For starters, it's a slow process. As with any biological strategy for environmental clean-up, mycoremediation is limited by the speed of metabolism. If a polluted area needs to be cleaned quickly, other options may be better. Another issue with mycoremediation is that it often fails to completely rid soil of a given toxic compound, instead simply reducing the concentration. It can also be hard to justify economically, as no one wants to eat a mushroom full of heavy metals.

However, the biggest reason for mycoremediation's relative lack of fame and use might simply be a lack of data

from field tests. It's a relatively new technique, without many case studies to support its use (despite a good amount of lab testing). Thankfully, this situation is changing. In 2017, for example, a large batch of oyster mushrooms was used to remediate soil damaged by California wildfires. The same variety of fungus has also been used to clean up oil spills and other toxic messes.

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To our Valued Readers and Advertisers, The mandated statewide shutdown of businesses, schools, churches and more is a huge blow for all of us. It is especially difficult for small businesses that have been holding on in an effort to make it through these difficult times.

The majority of our operating budget comes from display advertising. The bulk of those ads are from local small businesses. With so many area businesses limiting their hours or temporarily closing due to the Governor's "Stay Home, Stay Safe" order, those businesses are simply unable to advertise as usual, leaving the paper with little revenue to pay the weekly printing and delivery costs.

Like all our customers, we are taking this situation one day at a time and trying to adjust to changes that we have little or no control of.

We will do our best to print a paper each week during this crisis and continue to provide our readers with news and information about the communities we serve.

If, during the coming weeks we find it financially unreasonable to print a paper, we will still publish an online version. We have recently updated our website, and have several issues posted there already. Please visit [www.SalesmanPublications.com](http://www.SalesmanPublications.com) to view our 2020 editions.

Other independent, weekly newspapers across the state are taking similar cost-saving measures in order to keep themselves viable during the current economic situation.

We are grateful for our regular advertisers who continue to advertise and hope those who are closed for business will return as soon as possible.

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## Learn about nature and history from home

With Michigan's school-age children now home for the rest of the school year, a lot of families are looking for educational activities and resources to fill the learning gap. DNR educators, with help from many partner organizations, pulled together an extensive list of links and materials focused on the outdoors and history that offer a variety of opportunities for at-home education and fun. These resources are available at [Michigan.gov/NatureAtHome](http://Michigan.gov/NatureAtHome).

"DNR educators are here to share natural resources and Michigan history information and to engage students, teachers and families to explore the outdoors and our state's heri-

itage," said Kevin Frailey, DNR Education Services manager. "We have already heard from teachers telling us how they're using the resources in their on-line lessons with their students. This webpage is a way to keep the learning going while we're all staying home and staying safe."

The webpage includes:  
- Nature lesson videos, presented by DNR educators, about Michigan fish, wildlife, trees and more.

- Easy ways to explore and engage with nature, including scavenger hunts, games and other fun family activities.

- Virtual field trips and on-line tours.

- Indoor and outdoor nature activities and lessons by grade level.

- Suggested reading materials.

- Natural resources photos and information to help kids learn about and identify Michigan fish, wildlife, trees and minerals.

- Lists of free nature apps, social media pages and websites where families can find more learning tools.

- More resources will be added to the page as they become available, so check back often. Questions? Contact Natalie Elkins at [ElkinsN@Michigan.gov](mailto:ElkinsN@Michigan.gov) or [MiProjectWild@Gmail.com](mailto:MiProjectWild@Gmail.com) or 517-290-0687.

## New weekly fresh food drop in Spring Arbor

Produce, meat and dairy products for 175 families each week

Spring Arbor, Mich.—Spring Arbor Free Methodist Church (SAFMC) is supporting the community by providing fresh food to families each week in April and May. SAFMC's Food Pantry has partnered with the South Michigan Food Bank as one of their new Fresh Food Drop locations.

The Fresh Food Drops will take place on Wednesdays from 3-5 p.m., starting April 15 through May 27. Volunteers will be distributing pre-assembled food boxes directly to cars outside the SAFMC Food Pantry at 120 E. Main St., in Spring Arbor. All recipients must fit the criteria of the food

pantry's service area (must be a resident of western Jackson County, living west of Brown Street in Jackson). Please have your driver's license ready, and follow signs directing cars around the back of the church building for easiest pick up. There will be a limited amount of food each week, with enough to feed the first 175 families in line.

"This is an amazing opportunity that the South Michigan Food Bank has presented us with, to really serve our community during this difficult time. We know many families are struggling to make ends meet, and we want to do as

much as we can to lighten the load," says Kaye Kolde, lead pastor at SAFMC. "It has always been our mission to show God's love to our community, but now more than ever, we are really leaning into ways we can be the hands and feet of Christ."

SAFMC's Food Pantry will continue its regular service hours as well, opening to the community on Monday afternoons from 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.

For more information, or if you'd like to volunteer to help at the Fresh Food Drops, contact (517) 750-2400 or visit the church website at [www.springarborfm.org](http://www.springarborfm.org).

## Healthcare coverage available to Michiganders who lose job or experience a drop in income

LANSING, MICH. Michiganders who lose a job, resulting in a loss of their healthcare coverage or a change in income, may have low or no-cost healthcare options available through the Affordable Care Act (ACA) Marketplace, Medicaid, or the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). Consumers in these situations are not required to wait for the yearly Open Enrollment Period and should act now.

"Michiganders who lose employer-based health insurance may have options to continue or replace their coverage," said DIFS Director Anita G. Fox. "If consumers have

questions about enrolling, DIFS is available to assist."

Consumers have 60 days after losing essential health coverage, such as through a job loss, or experienced a change in income to take advantage of a Special Enrollment Period. To determine eligibility, consumers should visit [www.healthcare.gov](http://www.healthcare.gov). Depending on income and their situation, consumers may qualify for cost sharing reductions, premium tax credits, coverage for their children (CHIP), or Medicaid. Consumers should contact DIFS toll free at 877-999-6442 if they need assistance.

When a consumer loses es-

sential health coverage, they may be eligible to enroll in an individual health plan during a Special Enrollment Period.

If consumers are new to [www.healthcare.gov](http://www.healthcare.gov), they can create an account. If they already have one, they may log in to start or update an application.

Enrollment help is available. DIFS can help. The Michigan Health Insurance Consumer Assistance Program (HICAP) can provide shopping tips and help answer questions about health insurance or Special Enrollment Periods. Contact DIFS at 877-999-6442 or email at [DIFS-HICAP@michigan.gov](mailto:DIFS-HICAP@michigan.gov).

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# HISTORICAL NOTEBOOK

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Albion Historian



## DR. CHARLES E. SLOCUM

In Albion's history there have been numerous persons who have lived and worked here for a few years, and then moved on to bigger and better things. Their experiences in Albion however proved to be a positive stepping stone and learning experience which helped propel them into future successes. Such was one person, Dr. Charles Elihu Slocum (1841-1915).

Slocum was an educator in New York state who taught at various county schools, and then as an instructor at teacher institutes there. Continuing with his own education, Slocum attended and graduated from the Eastman Business

College in Poughkeepsie, N.Y. in June, 1862. With diploma in hand, Charles came to Albion in early 1863 where he was hired as an instructor at Ira Mayhew's Commercial College. This was a private business school located on the 3rd floor of the Peabody Block in downtown Albion from 1860 to 1869.

As part of the course work, students would use "college currency" (play money) to purchase goods and services, and record their work in ledgers. Ira Mayhew produced local college currency in \$1, \$2, and \$5 denominations. The design and format resembled the obsolete currency that had been issued by private banks across the

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Slocum must have made a big impression with educators at nearby Albion College, for "in the summer of 1866 the Faculty of Albion College, the late Rev. George B. Jocelyn, D. D. President, unanimously recommended him for the degree of Master of Arts," states the Slocum family history.

It was at this time that Slocum became interested in the study of medicine, and studied under the tutelage of Dr. Willoughby O'Donoghue (1832-1915), local physician and Civil War surgeon who later became president of the First National Bank of Albion. Slocum left Mayhew's college in the summer of 1867 to study at the University of Michigan where he passed his courses there. He then entered the College of Physicians and Surgeons in New York City in the Medical

Department of Columbia College. He graduated there as a Doctor of Medicine on March 1, 1869, and later earned a PhD from the University of Pennsylvania.

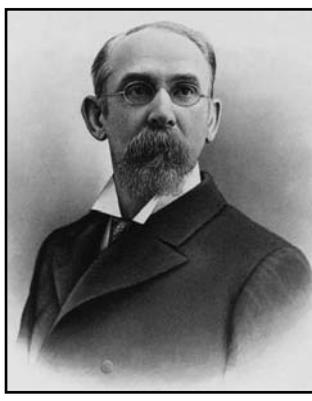
Slocum moved to Defiance, Ohio in 1871, where he established a very successful medical practice. Dr. Slocum continued with his medical education however and received several more degrees. Throughout his career he was a member of many medical organizations, historical organizations, and genealogical organizations. He invested stock in the banks in Defiance, serving on boards of directors, and even served as acting president of the Merchants National Bank there. He invested stock in several Defiance manufacturers and served on their boards of directors. He was the author of several books, including a Slocum family history and genealogy.

Having amassed a large sum of funds, the Doctor turned to philanthropy to help his fellow citizens. His manufacturing stock was used to fund schol-



arships for students. In 1894, Slocum donated the funds for a new library at Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware Ohio, which was named the Charles Elihu Slocum Library. He funded the building of the Defiance Public Library, and also funded other noteworthy endeavors. His love of teaching was evident in his elderly years when he served as chief of the Biology and Geology departments at Defiance College. He passed away in July, 1915, and was interred in Riverside Cemetery there in Defiance.

From our Historical Notebook this week we present a picture of Charles E. Slocum. Also pictured is a photograph



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"It is better to be cautious and cover your nose and mouth with a non-synthetic cloth material, like cotton fabric, than going out without anything covering your face," said Bizon, R-Battle Creek. "This practice would at least offer some protection against

infection and unknowingly spreading the virus if you are asymptomatic.

"Masks and face coverings are effective only when used in combination with frequent hand-cleaning with an alcohol-based hand sanitizer or soap and water."

Until recently, COVID-19 was believed to spread primarily from person to person, between people who are within about six feet of each other and through droplets from a sick person's cough or sneeze, according to the CDC.

U.S. public-health experts and policymakers have urged social distancing to reduce the disease's spread. However, some recent research suggests

that tiny virus-bearing droplets of all sizes from exhalations can become airborne for varying amounts of time depending on different factors, potentially infecting others or contaminating surfaces.

"We join the Centers for Disease Control in advising citizens to cover their mouth and nose but leave N95 and other medical grade masks available for health care workers," said Craig Glines, D.O., president of the Michigan Osteopathic Association. "The number of infections across the U.S. has greatly increased mask shortages across the country for frontline medical personnel."

Bizon said it is important

to cleanse your hands before covering your face and before removing your mouth covering.

"Once your face covering becomes moist you will also want to switch it out for a fresh one," said Bizon, who is a former president of the Michigan State Medical Society. "The material used to cover your nose and mouth should be washable, comfortable to wear and breathable."

He also said if your hands are not clean, do not touch the mask or reach under the mask to touch your face.

"While it should in no way supplant diligent handwashing and social distancing practices, Michigan's physi-

cian community does support the use of cloth or handmade masks while in public as an added precaution in protect-

ing others from COVID-19," said Mohammed Arsiwala, M.D., president of the Michigan State Medical Society.

## KCC extends facility closure, plans to reopen May 4

BATTLE CREEK, April 6, 2020 -- Kellogg Community College announced it is extending the closure of its buildings and facilities through May 3 -- with plans to reopen on Monday, May 4 -- in order to prevent gatherings of people during the coronavirus (Covid-19) pandemic.

"The safety of our students and employees is of utmost importance and, at this time, we can't ensure that it will be healthy, given current social distancing guidelines, for groups of people to enter our

campuses in mid-April," said Dr. Adrien Bennings, President of KCC. "It is best to err on the side of caution and extend our closure for several more weeks."

The College formally closed its physical campuses in Barry, Branch and Calhoun counties as of noon March 18 and most recently announced it would reopen April 14 in alignment with the State of Michigan's stay-at-home executive order.

During the facility closure, KCC is continuing many of its formerly face-to-face classes in

an online-only format during the current Spring 2020 semester. The College also will launch on April 13 its online registration process for students who wish to sign up for summer classes, which begin as early as May 11.

Access to buildings during the closure is limited to essential personnel who are specifically identified to conduct minimum basic operations.

As the semester progresses at KCC, students are encouraged to monitor their KCC email accounts daily and com-

municate their questions and concerns directly to their instructors. Additionally, they may submit specific questions regarding services -- financial aid, online tutoring and more -- via KCC's Virtual Services web page at [www.kellogg.edu/virtualseervices](http://www.kellogg.edu/virtualseervices).

The summer semester begins May 11, KCC is currently making plans to offer courses online through the summer months.

For the latest information about KCC's response and planning, visit [www.kellogg.edu/coronavirus](http://www.kellogg.edu/coronavirus).

## Henry Ford Allegiance Health implements universal mask precautions for all employees and visitors

Jackson, MI—Effective immediately, Henry Ford Allegiance Health is adopting a universal mask policy for all employees and visitors enter-

ing their facilities.

"We made this decision to align with the latest CDC recommendations and to take every precaution possible to

ensure the health, safety and well-being of our patients, visitors and employees," said Wendy Boersma, DNP, RN, vice president and chief nursing officer, Henry Ford Allegiance Health.

With the new rules in effect, anyone entering a Henry Ford Allegiance Health facility will be required to wear a mask. In an effort to conserve on masks, hospital officials are urging community members to make their own masks at home and wear them when needing to visit one of their sites of care.

"We will provide a mask to anyone in need," added Boersma. "However, these cloth masks are incredibly easy to make at home and can provide additional protection for community members when they must leave the house."

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is advising the use of simple cloth face coverings to slow the spread of the virus and help people who may have the virus

and do not know it from transmitting it to others.

Written and video tutorials for making masks from household items like t-shirts and hand towels can be found on the CDC website.

Henry Ford Allegiance Health is accepting donations of homemade masks that will be made available for visitor use only. Anyone wishing to make a donation of masks or any other medical supplies can drop them off at the main hospital loading dock at 205 N. East Avenue, Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Henry Ford Health System in Detroit recently announced a total of 734 employees who have tested positive thus far for COVID-19. By end of day on April 6, Henry Ford Allegiance health had tested 318 employees for COVID-19, with 15 of those employees testing positive for COVID-19. Test results are still pending for 12 Henry Ford Allegiance Health employees.

## Pets of the Week



TATOR



BABY BOY

Tator is a 1 year+ old Boxer/Terrier mix. He's housebroken and well crate-trained--in fact, he does best in his crate at night and when he is alone. Here at the shelter he is reactive to other animals. He needs to be the only pet in the home. Tator is energetic, quirky in a cute way (he likes bananas), playful and cuddly. He has been neutered, made current on his vaccines, tested negative for Heartworm and he is microchipped. If there are kids in the home, they should be ages 10 and up. His adoption fee is \$150.

Baby Boy is a 3-year-old, orange, longhaired cat. He is litter trained, neutered, micro-

chipped, up-to-date on shots, as well as tested negative for FeLV. He did test positive for FIV. FIV+ means his immune system is depressed. However, with regular vet care and life as an indoor cat, FIV+ can often live a long and happy life. Baby Boy has been around older children.. He loves to play with little toy mice. He is a very lovable, playful cat, and for an adoption fee of \$60, can be a great addition to your home.

Cascades Humane Society is currently closed to the public, but there are lots of animals to care for at the shelter. CHS is taking applications for adoption at [www.chspets.org](http://www.chspets.org).

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Important Message from the Leoni Township Clerk's Office:

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Due to the COVID-19 State of Emergency declared by the Governor's Executive Order 2020-4, the limitation on public assemblies of Executive Order 2020-11, and the permitting of public meeting by remote participation allowed by Governor's Executive Order 2020-15, as well as recommendations for social distancing, this meeting will be conducted via remote participation.

All members of the public are invited to participate. Those who wish to participate via remote video conferencing or one tap mobile are asked to contact your clerk's office for log-in links and dial-in numbers.

For special accommodations, please call the clerk's office: 517-936-2290 or 517-936-2305 or email: [clerk@leonitownship.com](mailto:clerk@leonitownship.com) to make arrangements.

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# Easter themed ideas for safe celebrations

By Jackson County Health Department

(Jackson, MI) Governor Gretchen Whitmer released the "Stay Home, Stay Safe," order on March 24, requiring all Michigan businesses and operations to temporarily suspend in-person operations that are not necessary

to sustain or protect life. In addition, all Michiganders must stay in their homes unless they're a part of the critical infrastructure workforce, engaged in an outdoor activity where you can maintain social distancing of 6 feet or more, or performing tasks necessary to the health and safety of themselves or their

family, like going to the hospital or grocery store.

In spite of this measure, Michigan is now one of the states with the highest number of cases of COVID-19. We know COVID-19 is present in the Jackson community. We are battling an unseen enemy. When we follow social distancing guidelines and stay at home, we protect ourselves and our loved ones. By doing this, we also protect those around us (co-workers, friends, neighbors).

The Easter season is a popular time for family traditions and gatherings. Knowing that COVID-19 can spread even before there are any symptoms of illness, it is so important to avoid any traditions that include family and friends or other people who do not live with you. These events include gathering for special services, Easter egg hunts, parades, boat rides, sporting events, etc. Connect with loved ones virtually. Set up an internet connection and plan to be online together as you each eat your Easter dinner in your own home. Start a contest with your family or friends over the most creative ideas to connect virtually. We are including some ideas that our

staff have come up with.

Please remember, it is up to each of us to do our part in this fight against a new virus. In protecting ourselves and our families, we protect each other. This year show you care by avoiding drive-up gatherings and avoid any gathering of people who do not live in your home. Have visits to loved ones in hospitals, nursing homes, or other residential care facilities virtually. If your loved one needs help, ask their caregivers to assist you to set that up ahead of time.

Ideas on how to celebrate Easter safely to reduce your risks of infection from coronavirus (COVID-19)

- Quarantine Easter Egg Hunt, an event where households, businesses and organizations are invited to "hunt" for Easter eggs while practicing social distancing. People can participate by decorating eggs as simple or elaborate as they would like to make them and placing them in windows. Then, families can go for walks in their neighborhoods and tally how many eggs they see along the way
- Families can use chalk to decorate their driveways with eggs, or paint their win-

dows.

- Watch an Easter service on television or Livestream an Easter Service on social media like Facebook or Zoom.

- Watch Easter themed movies

- Make an Easter inspired donation to a charity important to your family

- Prepare a nice meal together, sit down as a family, share what you are grateful for.

- Indoor Easter egg hunt
- Easter themed arts and crafts

- Read books about Easter
- Do a scavenger hunt to find Easter baskets.

- Surprise another family with an Easter egg hunt by hiding eggs in their yard

- When it's time for dinner, set up a Zoom conference with the rest of your family members.

- Find any branch outside and use it as a substitute for palm branches to help celebrate Palm Sunday.

- If you are looking for something to do on Holy Saturday, visit a cemetery, maybe the grave of a loved one.

- have a bonfire with your family and when you do, make it a teaching moment, and share about the Easter

vigil and fire.

- Listen to a worship playlist

- Send Easter cards to family and friends

- Make a new Easter tradition

- Host an online modeling show for kids and adults to model their Easter fashion and post to Facebook, twitter or other social media.

- Host an online virtual Easter egg hunt or game with family members. (pretend like you hid eggs (make your list of hiding places) and let others find them (guess locations where they are hid) (For example under the stairs, on grandpa's favorite rocking chair, in mom's green flower pot, in dad's boot by the front door. etc.)

- Call a relative, friend or neighbor you haven't talked to in a long time and see how they are doing.

- Have everyone post their favorite Easter picture on Facebook/Facetime, Skype, Twitter, Zoom or other social media.

- Post your favorite Bible verse or church hymn on social media.questions, please visit [www.mijackson.org/hd](http://www.mijackson.org/hd) or call (517)788-4420.

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## How to haze a coyote, reduce wildlife conflicts

Forests, fields, farmlands, backyards, neighborhoods and cities ... coyotes can be found just about anywhere. These wily creatures may be more visible from January until March during their breeding season, and then also in the spring and summer months as they care for new pups.

Many residents have reported more frequent coyote sightings, probably due in part because coyotes can grow more comfortable living near people

particularly if there are nearby, easy-access food sources available. Smaller mammals, like mice and rabbits, are a coyote's main source of food.

Do your part to discourage coyotes from visiting your neighborhood and reduce potential conflicts by:

- Removing trash bins, bird feeders, pet food and other attractants.

- Never intentionally feeding or trying to tame coyotes.

- Fencing off gardens and

fruit trees.

- Clearing out wood and brush piles.

- Accompanying pets (especially smaller ones) outdoors and not letting them roam free

- Taking advantage of a coyote's natural fear of humans and scaring them off.

Learn more about coyotes and find additional tips on how to handle conflicts with wildlife at [Michigan.gov/Wildlife](http://Michigan.gov/Wildlife) or contact DNR Wildlife Division, 517-284-9453.

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