

Feeding Wildlife & Birds

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Definition of Wildlife

Wildlife is defined as animals and birds that live independently of people, in natural conditions.

Arizona Game & Fish

Arizona Game & Fish states **it is illegal to feed wildlife**. Feeding in a manner that creates and attracts a nuisance to surrounding properties is not permitted.

Stonegate's CC&Rs Nuisance activity

No rubbish or debris of any kind shall be placed or permitted to accumulate upon or adjacent to any Lot or other property, and no odors or loud noises shall be permitted to arise or emit therefrom, so as to render any such property or any portion thereof, ***or activity thereon, unsanitary, unsightly, offensive or detrimental to any other property in the vicinity thereof or to the occupants of such other property. No other nuisance shall be permitted to exist or operate upon any Lot or other property so as to be offensive or detrimental to any other property in the vicinity thereof or to its occupants.***

Health Hazards

The Stonegate Community Association considers attracting and feeding wild animals and birds a nuisance activity to surrounding properties. The activity causes frequent defecation on private or public property that annoys and disturbs a neighborhood or any number of persons therein. Residents shall feed their pets inside their home, garage, or enclosed pen where other animals cannot access the food. Placing food outside for the homeowner's domestic animals is prohibited as it also attracts wildlife. Bulk feeding of wild animals and birds creates a nuisance to surrounding properties and is subject to enforcement actions as permitted by Stonegate's CCR's. Enforcement may include monetary fines as outlined in the Violation Fine Schedule and other action approved by the Board of Directors to gain homeowner compliance. Homeowners will be provided an opportunity to meet with the Board. Homeowners will receive a notice of non-compliance to curtail the bulk feeding and attracting of wildlife. A 10-day notice will follow if the homeowner continues to attract wildlife. A homeowner who is not complying will be asked to explain why they are unable to comply with Stonegate's rule on the matter to bring their property into compliance. If a homeowner fails to respond in writing within the time frames stated in SCA written notices, the homeowner waives their rights to be heard by the Board. Any decision made by the Board will be considered final.

Only one feeder is permitted per lot/house, either in the front yard or backyard. Bulk feeding is defined as having multiple feeders or broadcasting seed and is not permitted. Appropriate recreational feeding is considered 4 ounces or less of seed per day. Bulk feeding by broadcasting feed into landscaped areas, private or public is not permitted. The placement of one residential size feeder for hummingbirds is permitted with a reservoir not to exceed 12 ounces.