



**In the interest
of health and safety
please do not feed
The birds!**



For many residents, taking a moment to sit on a patio, look out onto their backyard, and feed the birds is a relaxing daily ritual. Yet, most people have no idea of the damage that can be caused by feeding the wild birds.

Article V, Section 2 in your CC&Rs state: “No swine, birds, fowl, poultry, livestock or other animals shall be maintained on any property within the subdivision, and then only if they are kept, bred or raised thereon solely as domestic pets and not for commercial purposes.”

Article V, Section 10 in your CC&Rs state: “No nuisance shall be permitted to exist or operate upon such property so as to be offensive or detrimental to any other property in the vicinity thereof or to its occupants.”

Article IV, Section 2 in the Expansion Area CC&Rs state: “No animal, bird, fowl, poultry, or livestock shall be allowed to make an unreasonable amount of noise or to become a nuisance.”

So what is the harm done by feeding birds? Bird seed that falls to the ground attracts other wildlife such as rodents and snakes, which in turn can attract larger predators such as coyotes. The wayward seed can also attract less desirable pest birds such as **pigeons**. Also at stake is damage to vehicles. Birdseed attracts rodents and rodents like to gnaw on the wiring in your automobile.

Pigeons are a health hazard. They carry around 60 different mites, fleas, ticks and bugs that will directly affect people. They are carriers of various health hazards (may transmit over 40 diseases) such as Pigeon Ornithosis, Encephalitis, Salmonella Food Poisoning, Histoplasmosis, Cryptococcosis & Psittacosis.

Pigeon Damage. The acid in their feces is highly corrosive. It will eat through paint. Defacing the sides of buildings, awnings and walkways is common with pigeon infestations. Pigeon droppings can lead to problems such as air conditioner unit replacement, solar panel damage, roof corrosion, awning repairs, constant window cleaning, building power washing, re-painting etc.



Not only may it damage your structural investment, the sounds of pigeons “cooing”, nesting debris and droppings can damage a residential image instantly.



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