

How Raccoons Behave in Spring

Presented by Middletown Township Animal Control



Right now, raccoons are starting to seek their partner, become pregnant, and search for their new home. Most raccoons will seek out hollow trees and abandoned fox dens, but some may find an empty space in your attic or crawlspace. Raccoons don't know that this is your home and that they aren't supposed to be there. The mother raccoon is looking for a safe, warm place to keep her babies.

Please take the proper steps to ensure animals can't access any part of your home:

- Keep your garbage can sealed
- Don't leave pet food outside
- Inspect your roof and attic and seal any gaps or holes
- Install proper vents (including chimney caps)
- Remove any tree branches that may provide access to your roof
- Secure window wells (typically found near basement windows)



RACCOONS ACTIVE DURING THE DAY

During the spring months, if you see raccoons active in the daytime it does not necessarily mean that they have rabies. Instead, it is likely that they are foraging for food to feed their young.

Regardless, it is always important to be cautious around wild animals. Rabies is a fatal virus and you should **ALWAYS** avoid handling or approaching them under any circumstances. Rabies can be transmitted through a bite, scratch, or saliva. If you notice any signs or symptoms from the animal that may warrant a concern, such as neurological impairment, loss of balance and motor skills, extremely aggressive or docile behavior, and self-inflicted wounds, please keep your distance and contact Animal Control or the Middletown Township Police Department.

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