

NOTICE TO PUBLIC

***UNDER COLORADO LAW-INTENTIONALLY FEEDING BIG GAME ANIMALS IS ILLEGAL. THE PROHIBITION APPLIES TO DEER, ELK, PRONGHORN, MOUNTAIN GOATS, BIGHORN SHEEP, MOUNTAIN LIONS, AND BEARS. VIOLATORS FACE A \$100 FINE.**

- Feeding big game is bad for the animals and dangerous for people.
- Distributing feed, salt blocks, or other attractants for big game is illegal. This problem is mainly associated with DEER.
- Feeding deer in city limits creates large herds which can attract mountain lions and other unwanted guests, creating danger to public safety.
- You may delight in seeing the deer graze in your yard; however, it may be irritating to your neighbor whose rose bushes or property are being damaged.
- Deer cause damage to farmer/rancher crops.
- The spread of disease is more likely to spread through concentrated herds fed by people. These diseases can spread from the deer to livestock, your pets, and people.
- Non-natural food can result in nutritional problems for wildlife, even death.
- You may think feeding the deer will protect your property from damage, but it actually leads to more damage.
 - Instead it is recommended to put up barriers, repellents, and landscaping with native plants.
- Bird feeders on your property, including those on upper levels, create an easy meal. There are other options to attract birds-nesting boxes, bird gardens, hanging flowerpots, or bird baths.
- Please let Mother Nature take care of our wild animals or you could literally love our wildlife to death.