

PEAFOWL IN THE COMMUNITY

You may have noticed peafowl (peacocks and peahens) in the community. Peafowl are non-native species that will continually reproduce when provided with a food and roosting source. While their beautiful plumage is admired, peafowl can also be a nuisance to homeowners when they take up residence in communities. They can be extremely loud during their mating season (April through August), and congregate in yards and on rooftops. They can also cause traffic hazards and damage to plants and landscaping. A recent census of the Michillinda Park and Chapman Woods neighborhoods counted 87 birds living in the area.

In an effort to stop the population explosion in the area, please DO NOT feed the peafowl. In addition, here are tips for deterring peafowl from coming on to your property.

- **Water:** Peafowl do not like water; it is one of the best-known deterrents for peafowl. The intermittent use of sprinklers or a hose with a jet nozzle will act as a negative reinforcement for the birds. Consider installing motion detected sprinklers as an additional deterrent.
- **Dogs:** Peafowl are afraid of dogs – walk your dog around the property and neighborhood.
- **Food:**
 - Peafowl are omnivores and will eat plants, insects, and fruit. They also gravitate towards pet food, bread and wild birdseed.
 - Do NOT feed the peafowl, and remove dog and cat food bowls promptly if feeding your pet outside.
 - Avoid planting young tender seedlings in areas you do not want peafowl to visit or cover the plants until they're well established.
- **Trees:** Peafowl prefer to roost in safe areas away from predators, such as overhanging trees. Trim or thin overhanging trees to deter peafowl, especially branches near your roof line, because they will fly up to the roof, then over to the tree branch. Plant garden plants that peafowl don't like to eat, such as:

Agapanthus
Azalea
Baby's breath
Bee balm
Blazing star
Butterfly plant
Cactus
Camellia
Cannas
Clivia
Columbine
Coneflower

Coreopsis
Dusty Miller
Ferns
Fuchsia
Gaillardia
Gardenia
Geranium
Giant columbine
Gladiola
Gloriosa daisy
Hardy lavender
Hen and chicken hibiscus

Hostas
Ivy
Jade
Lavender
Liatris bougainvillea
Marigold
Mint
Mum
Oleander
Painted daisy
Peonies
Periwinkle

Phlox
Pink lady
Plumbago
Poinsettia
Pyracantha
Roses
Shasta daisy
Snap dragon
Sunburst coreopsis
Weigela

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