

# Boca Winds Homeowners Association

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## Tips for Deterring Wild Boar from your Property

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### Overview

Wild Boar, also known as Wild Hogs or Wild Pigs, are a non-native species to Florida and were believed to have been introduced by the Spanish explorer Hernando DeSoto as early as 1539. They are extremely prolific breeders and are difficult to completely eradicate from the landscape. They roam widely over large distances in search of food mostly at night, so reducing their desire to visit your property is critical. Below are a number of best practices all homeowners can follow to help keep them away.



### Remove Food Sources

Water your lawn in the morning. Watering later in the day brings grubs and other food items to the surface which the Boar can smell across long distances.

Keep trash indoors until the morning pick-up if at all possible, as the smells also attract the pigs.

If you have fruit trees, be sure to pick up any fruit that has fallen to the ground.

## Apply Deterrents

Boca Winds HOA applies a product called Wild Hog Scram to common areas throughout the neighborhood in association with hog activity. The manufacturer says it is a “proprietary blend of natural and biodegradable ingredients” designed to make the soil taste sour and upset the Boar’s digestive system when ingested. Homeowners are free to use this product or other deterrents as needed on their properties, and it is widely available in many online and brick-and-mortar retailers.

There are motion-activated systems available that shine light or spray water to repel wildlife, but Florida Fish & Wildlife claims these are typically only successful temporarily.

## Fencing

Residents may install fencing to keep the Wild Boar out of their lawns so long as the fencing complies with Association requirements. You may reach out to your ARC Committee to review fencing proposals prior to installation.

## Trapping

Homeowners may also hire professionals to trap the animals at their own expense on their own property if needed. A list of private nuisance wildlife trappers can be viewed on the Florida Fish & Wildlife website at <https://app.myfwc.com/HGM/NWT/NWTSearch.aspx>