



WHY IT IS IMPORTANT NOT TO FEED WILDLIFE

Feeding wildlife can be harmful to YOU

- it exposes you to diseases such as Rabies and Lyme Disease
- puts you at risk of being bitten or scratched by infected wildlife
- creates polluted waterways, backyards, and athletic fields
- attracts unwanted pests and rodents such as insects, mice, and rats that can get into your home
- it increases deer, rat, and pigeon populations

Feeding wildlife can be harmful to the ANIMALS

- animals can become too reliant on people for food
- can cause wildlife to come closer to dangerous road conditions and increase motor vehicle collisions

For more information

visit NJDEP



**If scratched or bitten
by wildlife or domestic pet,
call the Health Department
201-670-5500, ext. 5502**



**VILLAGE OF
RIDGEWOOD**

