



NUISANCE IGUANAS?



Iguanas on your property?

The green iguana (*Iguana iguana*) can be a nuisance pest, particularly during the spring and summer months when gardens and crops are sprouting. Throughout the breeding season from February to May, there may be a rise in the number of iguanas spotted as the animals search for mates and dig burrows for nests. Measures should be taken to protect gardens, crops, and personal property.



What can you do?

Protect your plants. Use fencing and netting to keep iguanas from reaching crops and gardens. Loud activities, noise machines, and hanging reflective objects can scare and prevent iguanas from approaching.



Never feed iguanas. Feeding wild animals encourages dependency and increases the risk of the animal becoming a nuisance.



Remove nests. Burrows create problems by eroding areas around sidewalks and foundations, causing them to collapse. To discourage iguanas from using the burrow, spray soapy water in it, fill it in with rocks, or cover the entrance with wire mesh or nets.

Never relocate wildlife unless you have permission. Most animals have a strong homing instinct, and can become problematic where they are relocated. If iguanas continue to be a nuisance, noose poles, nets, and live traps can be used to capture them. Please contact us for technical guidance if needed.

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