

# BROADLANDS

Association, Inc.

## Techniques to Deter Vulture Roosting

Birds are generally scared of loud noises and vultures are no exception. The use of decoys may be helpful deterrents. The best time to use the following techniques is at dusk when they decide where they are spending the night to sun themselves in the morning:

- Make noises by hitting sticks against the tree or clapping hands or pots against each other.
- Bang or shake the trees they are perching on to encourage them to look for another place to perch.
- Use lasers, noise makers (air horns), hoses, or bird spikes to make our community an uncomfortable place for them to put up for the night.
- Use decoys on trees such as owls and hawks to scare vultures.
- Vultures do not like shiny objects or water, so some manufactures have developed motion sensor hoses for the purpose of scaring them away.
- Trash must be placed securely inside your trash bins. Using trash bags without a container is not permitted in Loudoun County. It is also helpful not to place bins at the curb until the morning of trash pickup (by 6:00am) since wild animals are known to knock toters over and tear apart the bags and vultures are scavengers and are no exception.

Repeat these daily until the birds give up and go away. If you observe increasing numbers of birds attempting to roost overnight in the community and your harassment techniques are not proving effective, please contact the HOA office at [info@broadlandshoa.com](mailto:info@broadlandshoa.com) or 703-729-9704.