Turkey Vultures are a protected species in the United States. It is illegal to take, kill, or possess turkey vultures or their eggs. Violations of the law are punishable by a fine up to $100,000 for individuals or $200,000 for organizations, and/or a prison term of 1 year.

A large flock of Turkey Vultures are now roosting on a nearby cell tower. Attempts to discourage the birds from roosting here are futile. Turkey Vultures are extremely communal birds and live in large flocks, further attracting more birds.

The ONLY WAY to keep them in check is to reduce their food supply. Please help by taking some simple steps to manage your food waste and other garbage.

Vultures are frequently found roosting near shopping centers where they take advantage of discarded trash.

NEW Neighbors

Turkey Vultures are not your typical neighbor. They can cause problems by spreading garbage and leaving behind large amounts of bird droppings. Their waste builds up and has a very strong smell. Avoid these problems by keeping your garbage area clean and tidy.
Best Practices

Take these simple steps to prevent the vultures flocking to your business. Although they are needed in the ecosystem, their presence can feel threatening to some people.

01. Secure all garbage in a closed dumpster. Keep lid and side doors closed at all times. Do not leave bags outside even for a short time.

02. Wash down and spray out the dumpster enclosure regularly and keep the gate closed. Turkey vultures use smell to identify food sources.

03. Add additional security to dumpsters. Turkey Vultures can open dumpsters, so add heavy chains or latches to keep the dumpster closed.

Double Bag Food Waste
Vultures can smell decaying food. Double bagging can reduce the odor that attracts the vultures.

Secure Your Garbage
Do not leave your garbage outside. Failure to keep your garbage secure will result in citations from the City.

Clean the Enclosure
Sweep out and clean the dumpster enclosure regularly. Pressure wash the walls and keep the gate closed at all times.

Problem Solver
Keep It Clean

Wash out your dumpster enclosure and keep your site clean and tidy. These birds are SMART! They can open dumpsters and even slide open the side door. Check your dumpster throughout the day.

Repeated visits from Code Enforcement about garbage will result in citations.

Simple Solutions

There are many solutions to this issue, and we probably haven’t thought of them all. Maybe you need to have your garbage picked up more often by your provider? Or maybe food waste can be composted? Consider some simple solutions that work for you and your business.

Consider adding additional security to your dumpster. A simple heavy chain or a U-lock could prevent bird interlopers.