

Crows are  
most active  
from **March**  
to **June**.

# Countermeasures against Garbage Scavenging by Crows

What the Sakurai  
community learned

To prevent crows from coming  
**Garbage management is critical!**

In a part of the Sakurai community, crows were fed, causing 300 crows to gather every day. With much dropping of feces and their noisy calls, the daily lives of people in Sakurai were disturbed for a long time, which was often reported on TV and in newspapers.

However, persistent efforts of the community, a business operator, and the government of Minoh City reduced the number of crows flying in to almost zero, bringing life back to normal.

**Crows have their eyes on your garbage!!**

Your garbage can create a food source for crows.  
When they see food waste, they call their fellow crows to join in.

## Three Ways to Prevent Crows from Scavenging

When you take out garbage,

**1**

**Bring it to the collection site on the designated day at the designated time.**

Do not put it out during the day or at night  
of the day before.

At the garbage collection site,

**2**

**Cover the garbage with a net!**

Tuck the edge of the net under the waste bag  
and put a weight securely on the net.

The weight  
prevents crows from  
picking up the net.



And more!

If garbage has been picked through,

**3**

**Clean it up immediately!**

When garbage remains scattered,  
more crows will come.



Don't drive the crows off with a stick or they may attack.

Following measures have been  
carried out in the **Sakurai community!!**

Exposing a crow to intense light with  
a mirror or flashlight is best to  
safely drive the crows off  
while keeping safely away.



The safest approach, making  
use of crows' sensitivity to light!

**Garbage nets**  
are available.

Minoh City is lending garbage nets for a garbage collection site shared by five or more detached houses. Some conditions must be met for lending. Those who would like a net should contact the **Waste Management Division** by phone, fax, or e-mail. After checking your address, collection site, etc., we will let you know how to apply.

**Contact**

**Waste Management Division**  
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# To prevent crows from scavenging We ask for your cooperation!

**March through June**

## Is the **Crows' Breeding Season.**

**Crows tend to scare people off or scavenge for food more often during this season!**

Crows build nests and raise their young from March to June. They tend to scare off or attack people or scavenge for food more often during this season.

Garbage can create a food source for crows. Take your garbage out properly especially from March to June to prevent crows from scavenging.

Follow the **"3 Ways to Prevent Crows from Scavenging."**



## You also need to properly handle waste other than kitchen garbage!!

**Dog food and cat food** and **vegetables in fields** will also create **food sources for crows.**

Crows eat not only kitchen garbage but food left by dogs or cats, plus abandoned vegetables and fruits in fields.

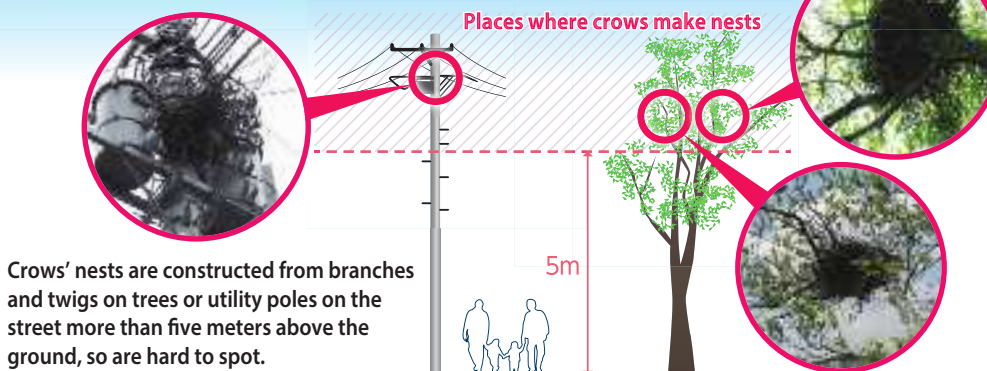
**Clear away unnecessary food or vegetables early** so as not to attract crows.



## Let us know when you find a **crow's nest.**

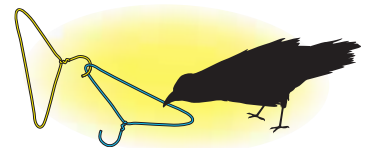
Minoh City is removing crows' nests to limit their population. When you hear their calls nearby, or see them flying with a tree branch in their beaks, they may be making nests on trees or utility poles.

Contact **the Environment and Animal Division** if you know or suspect a nest.



**Wire hangers or pet hair may also be used for crows' nests!**

- Don't leave wire hangers on the balcony.
- Clean the loose hair from pets.



**Get rid of anything that might be used as material for crows' nests.**



**When crows scare off or attack you, they may have their nests or be breeding their young nearby.**

**Get away immediately and contact the Environment and Animal Division.**

**Contact**

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