

Virginia Administrative Code  
Title 4. Conservation And Natural Resources  
Agency 15. Department of Wildlife Resources  
Chapter 40. Game: In General

**4VAC15-40-286. Unauthorized feeding of wildlife.**

It shall be unlawful for any person as defined in § 1-230 of the Code of Virginia to place, distribute, or allow the placement of food, minerals, carrion, trash, or similar substances when it attracts any species of wildlife in such numbers or circumstances to cause property damage, endanger any person or wildlife, or create a public health concern. Upon notification by department personnel, any such person shall be in violation of this section if the placing, distribution, or presence of such food, minerals, carrion, trash, or similar substances continues. This section shall not be construed to restrict bona fide agronomic plantings (including wildlife food plots), bona fide distribution of food to livestock, or wildlife management activities conducted or authorized by the department or U.S. government agencies with wildlife management responsibilities.

**Statutory Authority**

§§ 29.1-501 and 29.1-502 of the Code of Virginia.

**Historical Notes**

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