

Check for Wildlife Before Doing Yard Work



Prevent injuries to baby Cottontails, fledgling birds, toads and other small wild animals by doing a walk-through of your lawn or garden to look for these animals BEFORE mowing, line-trimming or roto-tilling. If you find an animal in the proposed work area, leave a wide berth around it when you work and come back later, after the animal has moved out of the area, to complete your work.

Our Wildlife Rehabilitation Center admits many young Cottontails and other small animals each year that have been seriously injured when they were run over by a lawn mower, roto-tiller or line-trimmer.

If you have injured a wild animal, please call (414) 431-6204 or your local licensed wildlife rehabilitator immediately for advice. 🐾

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◀ A wisp of its fur-lining in the grass gives away the location of this Cottontail rabbit nest.

Injured American Toad. ▶



◀ These juvenile Cottontails are only about 4 inches long.

Fledgling birds, like this young American Robin, are easily overlooked. ▶

