

# Trinity Village

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## Trinity Village Bird Feeding Program

At Trinity Village we recognize the value of wild birds not only for our social wellbeing but, also for the wellbeing of the ecosystem in which we live. In the fall and winter when available bird forage can be scarce, we are happy to allow families of TVCC, TVT and TVS residents to supplement the diet of our feathered friends with quality bird seed. However, birds are not the only hungry fauna interested in our bird feeders. Squirrels and the occasional rodent, particularly rats, have been known to forage what they can of food intended for the birds.

For this reason, we **do not allow** open and platform feeders for the birds. *The only birdfeeders allowed on the property are cylindrical perch feeders like the one to the right.*

We also work to keep the rodents, squirrels and chipmunks, from climbing the feeder poles by installing a cone around the pole just under the feeder. (See picture below)



### At the **Trinity Village Care Centre**,

Most feeders are installed outside resident room windows by the resident's family. If this location is within a garden, feeders need to be installed at the outside garden edge, closest to the path, so that refilling the feeder does not include stepping into the garden.

This Feeder to the left is in the correct location at the outer edge of the garden. It is protected with the proper squirrel cone and is a cylindrical perch feeder. That's exactly how we like the feeders to be around here.

Please note for the months of May through to October in the **Trinity Village Care Centre** we ask that **seed** feeding of birds **stop**. This is because the excess seed falls in the gardens, encourages rodents that chew the irrigation hoses, plants and flowers buds, and creates extra weeding work for the summer Horticulture staff. If you want to switch to a hummingbird feeder, that would be an acceptable change for the summer months.

If you would like to install a bird feeder at **Trinity Village Care Centre** or **Studios**, please click the "Register Here" button on the previous page and fill out the form. This helps us know who currently has a bird feeder and where that feeder located. For **TV Terrace** community members, please follow the cylinder perch feeder rules and guard your feeder and home against unwanted rodents.

**Enjoy the Birds!**