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Please Cover Open Pipes – Evergreen Audubon

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Are there open pipes on your property? In your neighborhood? Have you noticed them in area parks or open spaces? Open pipes used as fence posts, uncovered downspouts, vent pipes on the ground or on roofs, and even pipes used to mark the location of septic tanks – any pipe that has an opening of more than an inch— can be hazardous to birds and other small animals. They may mistake the pipes for holes suitable for roosting or nesting, and when they investigate, they can become trapped because the smooth narrow walls and cramped space make it impossible for the animals to crawl or fly out.

Evergreen Audubon has placed rubber caps on the fishing line receptacles at Evergreen Lake. If you see any other open-topped pipes around, please contact the landowner or manager to make them aware of the location of the pipe and the possibility of bird entrapment.

Thank you to Patty Esperance for bringing this to our attention and for providing information about open pipe hazards. For more information check out these links.

<https://www.fws.gov/cno/conservation/MigratoryBirds>

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