

IS A **SKUNK** LIVING IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD?

If a skunk is acting threatening or is sick or injured, text **626.344.1129**.

Skunks are excellent at rodent and insect control. They also help keep our roads clean by eating carrion.

DETER SKUNKS FROM YOUR HOME

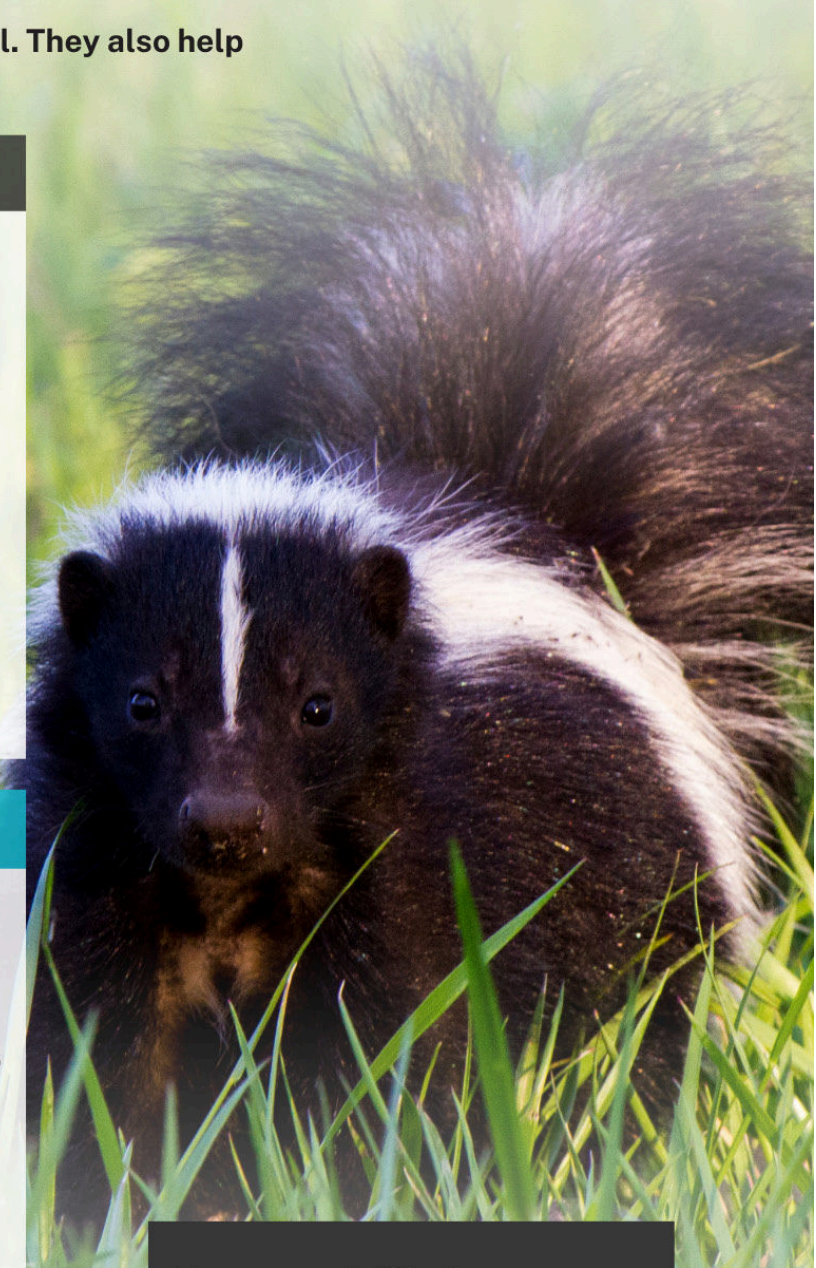
- Remove any food sources such as outdoor pet food, bird feeders, and fallen fruit.
- Secure crawl space openings.
- Replace lawn with native plant landscaping. If you keep a lawn, use grub control.
- Ensure you have a secure fence that cannot be dug under.
- If in a crawlspace, place vinegar-soaked rags along with bright lights and a radio. Place flour at the entrance. If you see animal prints in the flour, the skunk has likely left. In spring and summer, there may be a litter of young that cannot escape. Check before closing the space!

IF YOU ENCOUNTER A SKUNK

Skunks do not spray unless they feel threatened. Even then, they give ample warnings before spraying, such as stomping feet, short forward charges, and a raised tail. If you do encounter a skunk, move away slowly and quietly, trying not to startle it. If you or your pet gets sprayed, follow this home remedy:

- One quart 3% hydrogen peroxide
- ¼ cup baking soda
- 1 teaspoon liquid dish soap

Mix all ingredients. Wearing rubber gloves, wet down your pet and massage the mixture through the animal's fur or on your own skin for three to four minutes. Rinse.



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