

IS A RATTLESNAKE LIVING IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD?

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

Rattlesnakes are native wildlife and free to roam. They are a beneficial part of our ecosystem and help control rodent populations. We understand that seeing them near your home could cause distress. We're here to help. Here are some practical tips to reduce conflicts:

DETER RATTLESNAKES FROM YOUR YARD

- If you have grass on your property, keep it cut short.
- Remove piles of wood, leaves, or any hiding spots for snakes.
- Pick up any fallen fruit, keep trash cans securely closed, remove birdfeeders, and feed pets indoors. These things attract rattlesnakes' main food source – rodents.
- Check under your house and around the perimeter to close any gaps where a rattlesnake could hide.
- Exchange mulch and large rock for smaller gravel or river rock that is less attractive to snakes.
- Add a rattlesnake-proof fence around your yard:
A snake-proof fence is a minimum of 3' tall, the bottom portion buried at least 3". There should be no gaps on any sides and be flush with the ground. Concrete slabs placed under the gate are even better. Use mesh 1/4" in diameter or smaller, or solid, smooth material that snakes cannot climb.
- Cut away any vegetation that may grow against the fence.

IF YOU ENCOUNTER A RATTLESNAKE

- If out on a walk, stay a minimum of 10' away from the snake. Walk around the area or change routes.
- Always keep your dog or pet on a 6' or shorter leash, do not allow them to wander.
- If at home, use a hose and spray the snake from a safe distance.

For more wildlife tips, information, or wildlife training opportunities, visit pasadenahumane.org/wildlife.

California Department of Fish and Wildlife has jurisdiction over all wildlife in California, which includes rattlesnakes. For more information visit wildlife.ca.gov/Living-With-Wildlife.



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Did you know most bites occur when the snake is intentionally provoked, or while being captured?
Rattlesnakes will only strike in self-defense.