

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. Here are some practical tips to help reduce conflicts:

DETER SKUNKS FROM YOUR HOME

- Eliminate any food sources, such as outdoor pet food, bird feeders, and fallen fruit.
- Secure crawl space openings.
- Replace lawn with native plants. If you keep the grass, use grub controls.
- Make sure you have a secure fence that cannot be dug under. If you are in a small space, place vinegar-soaked rags along with bright lights and a radio. Put flour at the entrance. If you see animal tracks in the flour, it's likely the skunk has left. In spring and summer, there may be a litter of young that cannot escape. Check this before closing off the area.

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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