

Skunk Deodorant Recipe

*(From the Pennsylvania Game
Commission Instructor's Newsletter)*

1 Quart 3% Hydrogen Peroxide

*1/4 Cup Baking Soda (Sodium
Bicarbonate)*

*1 Tsp Liquid Soap (Dawn Dish Soap
or other detergent)*

*Mix the above together in a plastic
bucket and wash the infected object,
be it human, canine, feline, garage,
shed, car, basement, etc. Make sure
you keep the solution away from eyes,
nose, and mouth. Skunk odor should
disappear immediately! This product
is fast and safe and best of all, it
works!*

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Skunk Information

This brochure contains tips on
preventing skunk problems, their
removal and trap loan
information



Skunk Biology

If you have a skunk problem in your area, there are a couple of suggestions that could help you reduce or eliminate the problem.

Skunks have become adapted to living close to human populations due to food sources that are easily available to them such as garbage, pet food and insect larvae that are found in lawns.

Skunks seek out dens that provide dark secure hiding places such as under barns, utility sheds and porches that have no secure foundation.

Skunks are most active in spring and summer.

What you can do

- Garbage left outside should be secured in containers with tight lids or in dumpsters.
- All pet food should be brought indoors at night preventing skunks from finding an easy source of food.
- Add concrete foundations or wire screening extending into the ground to make areas without secure foundations inaccessible to skunks.

Traps and Trapping

The Cody Police Department will loan skunk traps to Cody residents for a maximum of one week. Traps can be picked up and returned to the Law Enforcement Center.

If you trap a skunk, you are responsible for its removal and/or disposal. For those residents unable to dispose of the skunk, the Police Department will do so for a service fee of \$100.00.

If a trap is stolen or damaged, you may be responsible for the repair or replacement at your expense.

For the best results, traps should be placed near the location where the skunk is believed to be living. If possible, traps should be placed in a shady area during the summer to avoid exposing the trapped skunk to extreme heat. Traps should be checked regularly, at least twice per day. Be aware that you may be dealing with a single animal or an entire family of skunks.

Once a skunk is trapped, it will normally not spray in the enclosed trap as long as you stay a safe distance from the mesh door, and away from the skunk's view. Skunks will stomp their front feet in a distinctive drumming sound when they are agitated. Give them time to settle before handling the trap and only pick it up from the side or back to prevent the skunk from seeing you and becoming agitated or spraying.

When finished with the trap, please clean it before returning it to the Police Department. General cleaning can be done with a garden hose and a dish detergent. The recipe listed on the back page of this brochure is an effective method of removing skunk odors and can be used on pets and clothing.

Baiting Traps

We recommend using cinnamon rolls, but any pastry will suffice. Cats won't be as attracted to pastries and this ensures a better chance of catching the skunks.

On top and at the rear of the trap there is a nut with a door. Open the door and place the bait in the basket.

Lift the metal tab on the front of the trap and pull up the door. Use the rod to hold the bottom of the door open. When the skunk steps on the plate, the door will release. If the door is tripped, stand a safe distance and look into the trap to see if there is a skunk in the trap.

Removing Skunks

Pick the trap up from the side and place it into the bed of a truck and safely transport it outside the city limits.

To release the animal, slowly roll the trap onto its side and carefully pull the metal tab out of the way and pull the door open.

Stand a safe distance from the trap and allow the skunk to leave the trap. This may take some time, but they will exit the trap.

If you decide to shoot the animal to euthanize it, give the skunk some distance to prevent damage to the trap. Be sure to stand upwind. They will usually spray when euthanized.