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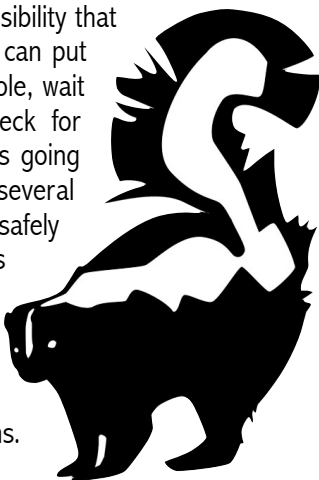
SKUNKS

in your yard... don't invite them in!

Being proactive and keeping skunks out of your yard is a better solution than trying to remove them after they have arrived. There are a few things you can do to deter skunks:

- Keep all garbage and compost in closed containers
- Don't leave dog, cat or other pet food outside
- Ensure that your deck and sheds cannot be possible denning sites by taking the following steps:
 - Dig a trench around the base of the shed or deck about 6 inches deep and 6 inches wide.
 - Put wire in an L shape along the trench with half of it flush with the building and the bottom half along the trench. Cover the trench with dirt, packing it down.
 - Use strong wire such as stucco wire or chain link fencing. Do not use chicken wire as skunks can dig through this material.

- If there is a hole already dug under the deck or shed, there is a possibility that a skunk is living there. You can put flour down in front of the hole, wait until the next day and check for prints. If there are no prints going in or out of the hole for several days in a row, you can safely assume that no one is residing there and close up the hole. Closing a hole while the skunk is inside is inhumane and will cause further odour problems.



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- skunks are omnivorous and help keep rodent and insect populations in check
- skunks seldom spray without warning or cause
- skunks have only 2 tbsp (30ml) of spray and it takes them more than a week to re-supply
- skunks cannot climb or jump; placing a fence 2 feet or higher can stop skunks as long as they cannot dig under
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