

GLENWOOD SPRINGS POLICE DEPARTMENT

HUMANE REMOVAL TECHNIQUES - **RACCOONS**

On the premises:

- Be sure to eliminate all food sources , such as: pet foods, bird seed, etc. If food must be fed outside then remove all food at night.
- Use metal or heavy plastic trash containers. Secure the lids by using a bungee cord, rope, etc.
- Keep BBQ grills clean or stored in a secure place, such as: a garage, a shed, etc.
- Light the area with flood lights, motion detector lights, etc. Motion detector lights often work the best.
- Turn on the lights and run outside, yelling and swinging a broom, scaring them off.
- **Caution:** Do not corner a raccoon, forcing it to defend itself.

In chimneys (fire brick):

- Place a bowl of ammonia in the fireplace, leaving the flue open 1/8".
- Place a radio in the fireplace, tune it to a talk program or a hard rock station. Do this during the day and use with the ammonia.
- Scare them out (only if ammonia and radio do not work).
 - One person below and one person at the top of the chimney, both with a broomstick or a pole. Both should be wearing gloves.
 - The person on the bottom opens the flue while yelling and pushing the broomstick up into the chimney, banging it back-and-forth. Be sure not to stick your hands up too close or into the flue.
 - When the raccoons start running up the chimney, the person up at the top should start yelling and banging his stick back-and-forth inside the chimney.
 - You should be able to keep the raccoons trapped in the middle of the chimney, out of the reach of the top and bottom sticks. Continue to harass for no more than 10-minutes.
 - Stop all harassment. The frightened raccoon no longer feels safe in the chimney and will usually leave the first night.

In the chimney's metal inserts:

- Use cloth, such as blankets or sheets. May have to tie two or more together to reach the bottom on the chimney. You can also use rope, with a knot tied every 8".
- Secure this at the top of the chimney. Drop the rest down the chimney, making sure that it reaches the bottom.
- Leave the area, and the raccoon will climb out at night.
- Securely cap the chimney so that this does not happen again.

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In the attic:

- Scare them out. Just making your presence known will usually do it. Use **Caution:** Do not corner the animal.
- If there are babies, give the mother 24-48 hours to relocate.
- During the day, place a radio tuned to a talk program or a hard rock station. Also, use flood lights to keep the area well-lit.
- Block the entrance once they have moved out. Check for additional entrances and secure them as well.

In the garden or fish pond:

- Use an electric fence (high voltage, low amperage so that it is safe for pets and other wildlife). "Fido Shock" works well and is available at PetSmart.
- Light the area with floodlights or motion detector lights. Motion detector lights usually work the best.
- For small ponds: Build a wooden frame to cover the area. Cover with 1x2, welded wire. Secure to the ground.