

GLENWOOD SPRINGS POLICE DEPARTMENT

HUMANE REMOVAL TECHNIQUES - **SKUNKS**

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 plastic trash containers. Keep the lids securely fastened to prevent odors from escaping.
- Keep BBQ grills clean or stored in a secure place, such as: a garage, a shed, etc.

Burrowing under porch or cement slab:

- Roll rags tight and tie with twine. These should be the size of tennis balls or smaller. Soak these in ammonia.
- Put the rags into the burrow and cover the burrow lightly with dirt or wadded newspaper.
- Fill-in the hole whenever you see it open.
- Continue to fill the hole with dirt or wadded newspaper. When it has not been moved for a few days, the skunk is out. **Note:** This process may need to be repeated on the fourth or fifth day.
- It is now time to skunk-proof to prevent re-occurrence.
- Skunk-proofing:
 - Dig a trench, 8"-10" deep and wide around the patio or slab. Lay 1x2, welded wire in the trench so that the wire goes 8"-10" down and 8"-10" away from the structure. Nothing will dig a hole there again.

In window wells or dumpsters:

- Provide a ramp made with a rough, wide board. You may need to staple or nail a heavy piece of cloth or a rug to the board so that the animal can get a good grip.
- Place the board at an angle so the skunk can crawl out.
- An alternative is to use a net with at least a 5' pole. Slowly, scoop up the skunk. Gently lay the net on the ground so that the skunk can crawl out. Leave the area.

To remove skunk odor from rooms or clothes:

- Use: **Neutroleum alpha**, available from the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Or, **Oxyfresh** mouthwash.

To remove skunk odor from pets:

- Use: **Natures Miracle Skunk Odor Remover**, available from PetSmart or veterinarians. Or, use **Massengil** douche; it is the cheapest, and easiest to find.

To remove from human skin:

- Use: Soap and water, **Carbolic soap**, or **Natures Miracle**.