



Skunks in Signal Hill

The City of Signal Hill has recently received calls regarding skunk sightings in our community. Skunks are wild animals that are attracted to areas where three life sustaining elements are present: food, water and shelter. Without access to these three elements, skunks have no choice but to seek another suitable habitat to live in. Residents are encouraged to follow a few simple precautions to keep these stinkers at bay.

1. Cover or remove pet food dishes or containers from outdoor areas.
2. Cover or remove water sources such as pet water dishes, pools, and ponds.
3. Securely cover trash cans and other waste receptacles.
4. Remove fruit that has fallen from trees onto the ground.
5. Cover access to entryways under your home or decks where skunks take shelter.
6. Consider spraying perimeters of lawns or gardens with a skunk repellant. An easy repellant is to mix well together 8 oz. of Castor Oil, 8 oz. of any liquid dish soap and add to one gallon of water. Using a garden sprayer, spray perimeters of lawns and gardens.
7. If you come across an animal that appears to be aggressive, sick, injured or dead, contact Animal Control at (562) 570-PETS.

If you have any questions, please call the Community Services Department at (562) 989-7330.



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