USDA Wildlife Services Utah
Salt Lake County Urban Wildlife Assistance Program

Telephone Number: 385-419-3405

The USDA Wildlife Services program is a Federal Agency responsible for assisting, alleviating and solving problems that occur when human and wildlife activities are in conflict with one another.

Background:

The Salt Lake County Urban Wildlife Assistance Program was born out of an agreement with the USDA Wildlife Services and Salt Lake County Animal Services. The program is funded by the participating Salt Lake County municipalities of Bluffdale, Cottonwood Heights, Draper, Holladay, Midvale, Millcreek, Murray, Salt Lake City and unincorporated Salt Lake County (which includes the 6 townships of Brighton, Magna, Kearns, Emigration Canyon, Copperton, and White City). The goal is to assist homeowners and business owners as well as Salt Lake County and City Animal Services with the proper management and control of skunks and raccoons which are considered vertebrate pests in Utah and are not managed by the Utah State Department of Wildlife Resources (UDWR).

Cities Covered by this Program:

The only jurisdictions participating in this program are:

- Bluffdale
- Draper
- Midvale
- Millcreek
- Murray
- Salt Lake City
- And the Metro Townships (including unincorporated Salt Lake County) of:
  - Brighton
  - Copperton
  - Emigration Canyon
  - Kearns
  - Magna
  - White City

This program requires homeowners and business owners to purchase a live trap and trap the skunks and raccoons which may be damaging or destroying property.
or posing a threat to human health and safety themselves. A limited number of
loaned traps are available on a first come, first serve basis and are loaned out for a
two week period. They can then call our urban office at (385-419-3405) before
8:30am and simply leave their name, number, address and trap location on the
voicemail and the animal will be picked up that day free of charge. If the call is
received after 8:30am we may not be able to make it to your home that business
day but will make it a priority the next business day. Keep in mind that we have
many calls/pick-ups per day. This program is currently limited to skunks and
raccoons. This program does not include the pickup and disposal of road kill.

Take into consideration this is a federal program so do not trap animals over the
weekends or on Federal holidays as we will not be available for pick-ups.

**Required Documentation:**

Prior to the first pick-up or at the time of pickup, please complete the highlighted
portions of the WS FORM 12C. We cannot remove the animal until this form is
signed. Please place this form in a zip lock bag and secure it on your front door or
near the trap where our wildlife specialist can find it. (Do not place the form on
the trap or within reach of the animal as they will likely grab and destroy it). This
form allows us permission on your property.
This document needs to be signed only once for each individual property and is
good for **five years** from the signed date. Subsequent visits to the same property
will not need another form.

**Technical Assistance:**

If the residents or business owners have specific questions about how to alleviate
damages posed by raccoons, skunks or any other wildlife species they can also
call and leave their name, number and brief message and we will return their call
at our earliest convenience, providing information, advice and techniques on how
to handle each specific situation.

**Where to purchase a trap:**

Wire cage traps can be purchased at most Local farm/co-op stores, sporting goods
stores, and many online retailers. When purchasing a trap get one large enough
for an adult raccoon to fit in comfortably. Usually around 10” X 12” X 32” in
size.

*Important*

When placing the trap, please allow for at least two sides of the trap (back and
one side) to be accessible within 6-8 feet with no obstructions to allow easy
access by our wildlife specialist. This is especially important when trapping
skunks.