



# Village of Bloomingdale

## Nuisance Wildlife Information

The presence of wild animals in urban areas reflects their ability to adapt to replacement of fields, trees and streams by lawns, ponds, gardens and homes.

Animals may use this new environment at the expense of their human neighbors, creating a disturbance or causing property damage. However, these animals are behaving naturally, not acting with malicious intent.

It is illegal to live-trap or kill most wild animals without appropriate permits from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. Furthermore, trapping doesn't always resolve wildlife conflicts. **The best solution is to block access or remove the attractive qualities of a place.**

Questions regarding nuisance wildlife can be addressed to the Director of Public Works at 630-671-5800. Suggestions for dealing with wildlife concerns are available from the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County's Willowbrook Wildlife Center in Glen Ellyn at 630-942-6200, <http://www.dupageforest.com/livingwithwildlife/>.

### Nuisance Wildlife Control Policy

The purpose of this policy is to control nuisance wildlife activity in the Village of Bloomingdale that threatens public health and/or safety. This policy is limited to non-domestic nuisance wildlife to include; skunks, wasps/bees, injured/dead animals, or any other non-protected wildlife that threatens public health and/or safety on a per incident basis. The Director of Public Works is responsible for administering and interpreting the conditions of this policy.

**SKUNKS:** If in the opinion of the Director of Public Works, all preferred skunk deterrent options have been exhausted or are not appropriate for the situation, the resident will be provided with a list of area Trappers for them to contract with directly. The Director of Public Works will maintain and annually update a list of area trappers that have furnished the Village with a copy of their state trapping license and current trapping rates. In turn, the Village will agree to reimburse the resident "up to" the following amounts for skunk trapping by a licensed trapper, on their private property:

\$75.00	One time initial set-up fee
\$40.00	Per skunk trapped
\$0	Per non-target animal trapped

As a condition of reimbursement, residents will be required to sign a reimbursement agreement that:

- Releases the Village from all liability resulting from the trapping on their private property.
- Acknowledges that the Village will not reimburse for trapped non-target animals, unless such animal has been classified as a nuisance by either the Village, or by the Director of Public Works on a per incident basis.
  - Acknowledges that the Village will not reimburse for the trapping of nuisance animals located inside of a resident's home.
    - Acknowledges that only protected wildlife and domestic animals will be released, and that all trappers will euthanize both target and non-target animals trapped (squirrels, opossums, raccoons, prairie dogs, etc.), regardless of whether they are adult or baby animals.
    - Requires as a condition of reimbursement, residents to submit a copy of the Trapper's detailed paid invoice that identifies the address of trap set-up, number of skunks trapped, cost per trapped skunk, and number/cost of non-target animals trapped by animal type.
    - Reserves the Village's right to request additional evidence or documentation, if in the opinion of the Director of Public Works, the trapping activity and/or billing are found to be questionable.

## Trapper Referrals

*(The Village does not endorse any one trapper over another. This list is provided to assist residents. We encourage residents to obtain pricing from more than one trapper.)*

ABC Humane Wildlife	Rebecca Fyffe	847-870-7175
Critter Detectives	Lou Ocasio	630-916-7678
R-Mark Wildlife	R. Mark Romano	630-476-1198

### Wildlife and People

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**NOTE: It is illegal to live-trap or kill most wild animals without appropriate permits from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. The only permanent solution is to block access or remove the attractive qualities of a place.**

Suggestions for dealing with wildlife concerns are available from the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County's Willowbrook Wildlife Center in Glen Ellyn (630) 942-6200, or <http://www.dupageforest.com/livingwithwildlife/>. The Wildlife Center provides information to approximately 12,000 callers each year.

### RECOMMENDED PROCEDURES

These procedures identify what is attracting the animal and how to remove the attraction or block access to it. (IMPORTANT: When ammonia is recommended, do not use it during the breeding season. It will injure infant wildlife that are too young to escape.)

**To discourage an animal from an outdoor den site:** Spread baking flour in front of the den entrance at dusk and monitor for paw prints. When the animal has left, place an ammonia-soaked rag in the den and fill it in, leaving additional soaked rags along the outside perimeter of the site. Leave the rags in place for two to three days, re-soaking daily when needed. The hollow spaces under concrete stoops can be filled in with instant concrete. Another barrier is hardware cloth buried with the lower end bent outward in an "L" shape, which discourages animals when they reach the curve of the "L".

**To discourage an animal from an indoor den site:** Illuminate the den with as much light as possible and leave a loud radio playing 24 hours for two to three days. Ammonia-soaked rags may be placed inside or outside the entry hole. After the third day, tape a piece of paper over the hole and monitor for 24 hours. If it remains unbroken, the animal has vacated. Make repairs immediately.

**To assist an animal out of a window well:** Lower a rough-surfaced board (tacked with burlap, carpet scraps, etc.) into a window well at an angle. Nocturnal animals climb out after dark.



**NUISANCE WILDLIFE REMOVAL REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT**

This agreement is entered into between the Village of Bloomingdale and \_\_\_\_\_ (Resident), for the reimbursement of private residential trapping services at \_\_\_\_\_ (Property).

Whereas, the Village of Bloomingdale endorses humanitarian and environmentally sensitive nuisance wildlife deterrence options recommended by the Willowbrook Wildlife Center, and

Whereas, the resident has exhausted all environmentally and humanitarian preferred nuisance wildlife deterrence options, and

Whereas, the resident desires to employ the services of a licensed trapper to trap, remove and euthanize all skunks on their resident property, and

Whereas the Village of Bloomingdale adopted a Nuisance Wildlife Control Policy (Resolution 2000-R-5) providing for residential skunk trapping reimbursements for all residents who have complied with said policy,

Now therefore in consideration of the premises and of the mutual premises agreements, covenants and undertakings set forth herein, the parties agree as follows:

1. All trapping arrangements are to be made directly between the resident and their licensed trapper of choice who is on file with the Village.
2. The resident indemnifies and holds the Village and its employees and officers harmless from any and all liability for damages of all kinds, whether it be damage to person or property that may arise from the utilization by the resident of a licensed trapper whose name is supplied to the resident by the Village pursuant to this agreement.
3. Any trapping on residential property is an exclusive agreement between the resident and their trapper.
4. As a condition of reimbursement the resident expressly understands and agrees that:
  - a) Any performance bond or insurance policies required of their trapper, shall in no way limit the resident's responsibility to indemnify, hold harmless, and defend the Village of Bloomingdale, its officials, agents, employees from all liability resulting from the trapping on their private property
  - b) Reimbursement is limited to \$75.00 for a one-time set-up and \$40.00 for each skunk trapped on the exterior property.
  - c) The Village will not reimburse for interior residential trapping or for trapped non-target wildlife, unless such wildlife has been classified as a nuisance by either the Village, or by the Director of Public Works on a per incident basis.
  - d) Only protected wildlife and domestic animals will be released; all other wildlife trapped will be euthanized, (squirrels, opossums, raccoons, etc.), regardless of whether they are adult or baby animals.
  - e) All reimbursement requests are to be forwarded to and processed by the Director of Public Works, and must include a copy of the trapper's detailed paid invoice, identifying the service address, number of skunks trapped, cost per trapped skunk, and number/cost of non-target animals trapped by animal type.

The Village reserves the right to request additional evidence or documentation if in the opinion of the Director of Public Works, the trapping activity and/or billing are found to be questionable.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Resident Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

VILLAGE OF BLOOMINGDALE

\_\_\_\_\_  
Director of Public Works

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**RESOLUTION 2000-R-5**

**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A NUISANCE WILDLIFE CONTROL POLICY FOR THE VILLAGE OF BLOOMINGDALE**

**Whereas**, the over-population of nuisance wildlife habitat in residential neighborhoods can present a threat to public health and/or safety; and

**Whereas**, other wildlife activity can present unique situations that also threaten public health and safety on a per incident basis; and

**Whereas**, it is the desire of the Village to protect the health and safety of its residents; and

**Whereas**, a Nuisance Wildlife Control Policy has been developed whereby the Village can better address the health and safety issues that arise from nuisance wildlife activity.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF BLOOMINGDALE, DU PAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, PURSUANT TO ITS HOME RULE POWERS, AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1:** That the Village President and the Village Board of Trustees hereby acknowledge and support the Nuisance Wildlife Control Policy.

**SECTION 2:** That the Village of Bloomingdale hereby approves and adopts the Village of Bloomingdale Nuisance Wildlife Control Policy.

**SECTION 3:** That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

ADOPTED THIS 27 day of March.

AYES: Trustees Czernek, Dabrowski, Mulizio and Gebis

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Trustees DeMoon and Reyes

ABSTAIN: None

APPROVED this 27 day of March.

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Village President

ATTEST:

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Village Clerk