

# ANIMAL CONTROL

## The SNAKE SHAKES



How to stop the snake shakes when you see one of nature's most feared reptile....

Some people don't even know why they are afraid of snakes and just haven't had an opportunity to realize they are harmless.

## Is it normal to have snakes in your yard?

Having some snakes in your yard is a great sign that you have a healthy environment. Snakes are members of the basic food chain to help control unwanted pests and supply food for larger predators like birds.



### What attracts snakes to your home?

Snakes enter a building because they're lured in by dark, damp, cool areas or in search of small animals, like rats and mice, for food. Snakes can be discouraged from entering a home in several ways. Keeping the vegetation around the house cut short can make the home less attractive to small animals and snakes.

# The Sun emits energy by eating the snake. 2 Plants make energy-rich tood using sunsyst. 3 The mouse obtains energy by eating the plant. 4 The snake obtains energy by eating the plant.

## What Is the Importance of Snakes in the Ecosystem?

Snakes can play a role in the complicated food web of inter-species relationships. For example, timber rattlesnakes in the eastern U.S. prey upon mice who are hosts to black-legged ticks. Those ticks are a vector for Lyme disease, a bacterial infection.

When the snakes reduce the number of mice, the prevalence of Lyme disease in the environment is reduced.

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## Still want to get rid of Snakes in Your Yard?

#### **Use Snake Repellent**

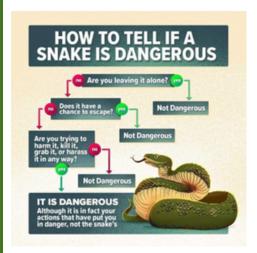
Common products such as Ortho Snake B Gon work by throwing off a snake's sense of smell and deterring them from nesting in your garden.

## **Eliminate Standing Water**

Inspect your lawn and home for pools of water, particularly in hidden areas such as by your hose, under a storage area, or in the garden. By removing these pools of water, many snake varieties will find another area to nest.

#### Remove Shelter

Snakes like to hide from predators in warm, sheltered places. Remove common areas in your yard where snakes may be living, including piled hoses, firewood storage, tall grasses, dense brush, open areas under sheds, and storage.



Most snakes in Central New Jersey are nonvenomous and pose no threat to people or pets. How can you be sure? Follow the diagram "How to tell if a snake is dangerous?

Want to learn more about the snakes in New Jersey?

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