



City of Brook Park

TRAPPING PROCEDURES & REGULATIONS

TO BE FOLLOWED BY RESIDENTS RECEIVING TRAPS FROM THE BROOK PARK ANIMAL CONTROL DEPARTMENT.

Trapping can only occur from Monday morning through Friday morning with all traps being picked up Friday. As workload permits, traps will be delivered Mondays between **8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.** or during the week, if traps become available. All traps will be emptied **Monday thru Friday** at the times indicated below. To reserve a trap, please call our non-emergency number at the bottom of the page.

- City traps can be loaned to residents Monday thru Friday.
- No Trapping During the Weekend.
- **RESIDENTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR SETTING AND BAITING THE TRAP.**
- Do not cover the trap with towels or mats, it can damage the traps.

Skunks will be trapped by the Animal Control Department; however, we have an outside company who will be responsible for picking up the trapped skunk.

THANK YOU.

Daytime Hours for Trap Return and/or Animal Removal:

Monday thru Friday: 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Non-emergency #: 216-265-3647 (Brook Park Animal Shelter)

Emergency #: 216-433-1239 (Police Department)

Alexander Perkins
Chief Animal Control Officer

Jonathan Blevins
Animal Control Officer

HELPFUL HINTS FOR SUCCESSFUL TRAPPING

1. Put the bait all the way to the rear of the trap to make the animal enter the full distance of the trap.
2. Use bait that is alluring (see suggestions below)! **And change Daily.**

ANIMAL

Raccoons, skunks, opossum
or stray cats

Squirrels or chipmunks

Woodchucks, rabbits and Ground Hogs

SUGGESTED BAIT

Crisp bacon, tuna fish, cat food,
bird seed, peanut butter or fresh fruit

Peanuts, cereal, apples or seeds

Fresh vegetables, grains / oat /
wheat or most leafy greens

Some Steps to Help Wildlife-Proof Your Yard

1. If you feed birds, clean up all the seeds that spill daily.
2. Seal off sheds and decks with hardware cloth (inexpensive mesh available at hardware stores). Install it 4 inches into the ground or L-shape 16 inches out from wall to keep animals from burrowing underneath.
3. Don't leave garbage outside.
4. Treat your lawn for grubs. They are a tasty treat for skunks and raccoons.
5. Remove any rotten wood from your woodpile. It attracts insects, worms, skunks and raccoons. Also, keep the pile 6 inches off the ground.
6. If deer are a problem, you may have to alter your shrubbery. Deer are known to love hostas, rhododendrons and flowers.